



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 ON PAGE 181]**

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6 [GAVEL]

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. I'D LIKE
9 TO BRING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER,
10 FEBRUARY 2, 2016. THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. THIS
11 MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER ARTURO VELASCO
12 FROM OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANOGA PARK,
13 THE THIRD DISTRICT; AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY TINA B.
14 HENDERSON, FORMER CORPORAL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM
15 LOS ANGELES, THE SECOND DISTRICT.

16
17 **FR. ARTURO VELASCO:** LET US PRAY. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE CALL UPON
18 YOU TO SEND US YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR GOODNESS, WISDOM TO THOSE
19 WHO THIS MORNING WILL DELIBERATE AND DO THE WORK OF THE COUNTY
20 OF LOS ANGELES. GIVE THEM WISDOM SO THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND
21 THE ISSUES BEFORE US AND THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS DO WHAT IS
22 RIGHT AND TRUE. BRING THEM COMPASSION AND MERCY THAT NOT ONLY
23 WILL THEY BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM AND THOSE WHO
24 SUPPORT THIS GREAT COUNTY, BUT THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE
25 MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE, THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

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1 THOSE WHO ARE POOREST, THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES ENSLAVED TO
2 ALL SORTS OF DIFFICULTIES AND TRIALS. BLESS THEM AND BRING
3 THEM GOODNESS. MAY OUR COUNTY GO FORTH BY THEIR GUIDANCE AND
4 BY THEIR WISDOM. THIS WE PRAY, AMEN.

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6 **TINA B. HENDERSON:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
7 SAYING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. AND FOR
8 THOSE VETERANS, YOU CAN RENDER A SALUTE. PLACE YOUR HAND OVER
9 YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TODAY TO THANK
14 FATHER VELASCO, WHO LED US IN THE INVOCATION. FATHER ARTURO
15 VELASCO COMPLETED HIS PRIESTLY TRAINING IN EDUCATION AT ST.
16 JOHN'S SEMINARY IN CAMARILLO. HE WAS ORDAINED TO THE
17 PRIESTHOOD IN 1986, PRESENTLY SERVING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS
18 ANGELES AS PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY IN CANOGA PARK,
19 WHICH IS THE MOTHER CHURCH OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE
20 WESTERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. PLEASE HELP ME THANK HIM.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. DR. HENDERSON SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN
25 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1982 TO 1988. SHE WAS

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1 ASSIGNED TO THE FIFTH BATTALION IN THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.
2 SHE IS A RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL MEDALS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL
3 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND PISTOL MARKSMAN'S MEDAL. DR.
4 HENDERSON EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND A
5 MASTER'S AND P.H.D. IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. SHE'S A FACULTY
6 MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX AND TEACHES BASIC RESEARCH
7 METHODS. SHE'S ALSO THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF ASH AND ASH
8 CONSULTING, WHICH ASSISTS ORGANIZATIONS WITH GRANT WRITING AND
9 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE MONTFORD POINT
10 MARINES, A NONPROFIT OF MILITARY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS
11 FOUNDED TO MEMORIALIZE THE LEGACY OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-
12 AMERICANS WHO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. SHE'S A
13 MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN AND HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT
14 FOR LITERALLY 25 YEARS. DR. HENDERSON, WE THANK YOU FOR
15 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
16 NATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DR. TINA B. HENDERSON. GIVE HER
17 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL NOW HEAR THE NEXT ITEM OF
20 BUSINESS. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CALL THE AGENDA.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
23 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA
24 ON PAGE 3, POLICY MATTER. ON ITEM P-1, THIS RELATES TO ITEM
25 NO. 4, AND WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS TOGETHER. REPORTS, ON ITEM

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1 R-1, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM R-2, SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
3 FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM R-3, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 32-B
4 AND ITEM 32-C, AND THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON
5 ITEM R-4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
6 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 9, 2016. ON ITEM R-5, THE
7 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
8 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM R-6,
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
10 WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON PAGE 5, SPECIAL DISTRICT
11 AGENDA, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
12 COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D AND ITEM 2-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
13 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED
16 BY KNABE WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS ITEM 1, ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS ITEM IS
21 RELATED TO P-1, AND THEY'LL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. THIS ITEM
22 ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT AS NOTED
23 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
25 ITEM NO. 8, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
5 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT
8 CALENDAR ITEMS 9 THROUGH 31, ON ITEM NO. 9, A MEMBER OF THE
9 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, THE
10 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 9, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 12, A
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 NO. 13, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
14 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THE
15 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 9, 2016. ON ITEM 14, 15, A
17 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
18 HELD. ON ITEMS NUMBER 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 23, A MEMBER
19 OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
20 ITEM NO. 25 AND 26, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
21 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 27, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
22 ANTONOVICH, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
23 BE HELD. ON ITEMS 28, 29, 30 AND 31, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF
24 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING
25 ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 22,
6 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
7 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM 32-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS
10 32-B AND 32-C, THEY WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM R-3. THAT
11 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, WE HAVE THE
16 PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING OF WELCOMING OUR CONSUL GENERAL OF THE
17 CZECH REPUBLIC. I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE HONORABLE PAVOL
18 SEPELAK, I HOPE I SAID THAT RIGHT, GENERAL CONSUL FOR THE
19 CZECH REPUBLIC IN LOS ANGELES. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT,
20 AMBASSADOR SEPELAK SERVED AS AMBASSADOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
21 IN LATVIA, PAKISTAN AND LUXEMBOURG. AMBASSADOR SEPELAK HAS 32
22 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE SERVING WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE CZECH
23 REPUBLIC. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1983 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
25 FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PRAGUE. HE THEN SERVED IN VARIOUS

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1 CAPACITIES AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED
2 NATIONS IN NEW YORK. HE SERVED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN PRAGUE AND WAS
4 CONSULAR AND DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD
5 TRADE ORGANIZATION PERMANENT MISSION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN
6 GENEVA. HE WAS ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
7 ORGANIZATION'S DEPARTMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
8 THE AMBASSADOR HAS A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY
9 OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA AND PURSUED POSTGRADUATE STUDIES
10 FOR THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE IN OXFORD.
11 DURING HIS TENURE IN LOS ANGELES, HE HOPES TO FOCUS ON
12 BUSINESS, ECONOMY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO
13 WELCOME YOU, AMBASSADOR, TO LOS ANGELES AND TO EXPRESS OUR
14 SINCERE SUPPORT OF YOUR MISSION AND TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE
15 CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC.
16 WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PLAQUE WELCOMING YOU TO LOS
17 ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
18 YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HONORABLE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT IS REALLY A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR FOR
22 ME TO BE RECEIVED TODAY WITH THIS DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE.
23 CZECH REPUBLIC, AND, AT THAT TIME, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS CREATED
24 THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. OUR RENEWED
25 DEMOCRACY IN '89 WAS RENEWED ALSO THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF

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1 UNITED STATES. TODAY, I AM NAMED AS A CONSUL GENERAL HERE IN
2 LOS ANGELES, HAVING IN MY JURISDICTION CALIFORNIA AND CERTAIN
3 STATES. SPEAKING IN FRONT OF L.A. COUNTY, SO L.A. COUNTY HAS
4 10 MILLIONS POPULATION, THE SAME POPULATION AS THE CZECH
5 REPUBLIC. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS IN COMMON, A LOT OF FIELD
6 TO DEVELOP BOTH IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. SO I
7 SAW YOU HAVE A VERY IMPRESSIVE AGENDA TODAY. I JUST SHORTLY
8 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU RECEIVING ME AND WISHING AND LOOKING
9 FORWARD FOR FRUITFUL COOPERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WOULD THE BOARD LIKE TO JOIN IN A
12 PHOTOGRAPH? MEMBERS, NEXT I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND INVITE THE
13 HONORABLE LAMIA MEKHEMAR, THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF EGYPT TO
14 LOS ANGELES AND TO PLEASE COME FORWARD. WELCOME. AMBASSADOR
15 MEKHEMAR IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO HAS OCCUPIED DIFFERENT POSTS
16 THROUGHOUT HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER. BEFORE ASSUMING HER NEW
17 RESPONSIBILITIES, SHE WAS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 POLITICAL PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT AT THE
19 EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PRIOR TO THAT,
20 AMBASSADOR MEKHEMAR SERVED AS THE AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE
21 IN THE VATICAN FROM 2008-2012. SHE ALSO SERVED IN NEW YORK AS
22 A DIPLOMAT IN EGYPT'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
23 WHERE SHE CONDUCTED A NUMBER OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PROCESSES OF
24 VARIOUS LEGAL DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF
25 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WATER SOURCE

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1 SYSTEMS AND COMBATING TERRORISM WERE ALSO AREAS SHE WORKED ON.
2 PREVIOUSLY SHE SERVED AS A VICE CONSUL AND THE CONSULATE
3 GENERAL OF EGYPT IN ROME. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE DEVELOPED
4 A SPECIAL INTEREST FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
5 AS WELL AS OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS. AMBASSADOR, SHE
6 GRADUATED FROM THE FACULTY OF LAW AT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY AND
7 GOT HER MASTER'S OF LAW DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM
8 N.Y.U. WE'RE SO PLEASED TO WELCOME HER HERE, AMBASSADOR, TO
9 LOS ANGELES, AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO SEE OUR STRENGTHENING
10 RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN EGYPT.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** IT GIVES ME A GREAT PLEASURE TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES TODAY, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. A FEW
15 DAYS AGO, EGYPT COMMEMORATED THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 25TH
16 OF JANUARY REVOLUTION, IN WHICH PEOPLE ASKED FOR MORE
17 DEMOCRACY AND MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE. TODAY, WE ARE STILL ON THE
18 PATH OF ESTABLISHING THIS NEW SYSTEM. IT'S NOT EASY. IT IS A
19 LONG WAY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT. BUT AT LEAST WE ARE TODAY ON THE
20 RIGHT TRACK. IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND CHALLENGING TIMES, I
21 WAS NOMINATED AS CONSUL GENERAL OF EGYPT TO L.A. AND WITH
22 CALIFORNIA, I HAVE 10 OTHER STATES UNDER MY JURISDICTION. AND
23 IT IS A VERY CHALLENGING TIME. IT IS A VERY CHALLENGING POST.
24 DURING MY MANDATE, I WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE THE CAUSES OF
25 WOMEN AND OF COURSE TO BRING THE COMMUNITY, THE EGYPTIAN

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1 COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE
2 THEM MORE RELATED AND LINKED TO THEIR CULTURE IN EGYPT. AND I
3 HOPE WITH THE HELP OF EVERYBODY HERE IN LOS ANGELES THAT I
4 WILL ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, LET EVERYONE
7 FILTER IN. I HAVE TO SAY, WHO'S MINDING THE STORE? WE HAVE A
8 WHOLE LOT OF GREAT PEOPLE HERE. AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS, I'D
9 LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT SAN
10 GABRIEL VALLEY AND RIO HONDO RIVERS HOMELESS TASKFORCE. AND I
11 HAVE TO SAY THAT IT DOES TAKE A VILLAGE TO COORDINATE THIS AND
12 FOR ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE HERE TODAY. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
13 RIVER AND THE RIO HONDO CHANNEL RUN THROUGH THE FIRST DISTRICT
14 FROM AZUSA, THE NORTH POINT, ALL THE WAY TO THE SOUTH PART OF
15 PICO RIVERA. LAST YEAR, SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT THERE WERE
16 ABOUT 500 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED LIVING IN
17 THE RIVERBED. THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, 500. AND OVER THE COURSE
18 OF THE LAST YEAR, REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR LOCAL CITIES, THE
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORKED
20 WITH MY STAFF TO FORM A WORKING GROUP THAT GAVE US BETTER
21 UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE AREA, IN
22 PARTICULAR, IDENTIFYING AND SERVING THE HOMELESS POPULATION
23 LIVING IN THE RIVERS, WHICH YOU KNOW HAS BECOME A TOP PRIORITY
24 FOR SO MANY OF US. I'M HAPPY TO SHARE THAT AS OF LAST WEEK,
25 THAT 500 NUMBER HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 25, BETWEEN 25 AND 40.

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1 INCREDIBLE. THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] BUT
2 THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS, BECAUSE OF THEIR
3 COLLABORATION. AND I'M SO HAPPY TO REPORT THAT, WHILE WE ARE
4 EXPERIENCING EL NI O, THAT WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS, ZERO,
5 RIVER-WATER RESCUES. THANK GOD. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR DOING
6 YOUR WORK. [APPLAUSE.] AND WHILE WE KNOW WE'RE JUST ENTERING
7 IN THE SEASON OF EL NI O, WE KNOW THAT MUCH MORE WORK HAS TO
8 BE DONE. AND I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND ALL OF OUR PARTNERS THAT
9 ARE HERE THAT HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE. IT'S A WAY OF SHARING
10 GRATITUDE FOR YOU, FOR YOUR EFFORTS, FOR YOUR TENACITY, AND
11 FOR YOUR WHEREWITHAL. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF AZUSA,
12 DUARTE, EL MONTE, IRWINDALE, MONTEBELLO, PICO RIVERA ROSEMEAD,
13 SOUTH EL MONTE, AND WHITTIER. THESE OBVIOUSLY ARE CITIES THAT
14 WE ALL REPRESENT. I KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ANTONOVICH, WE
15 SHARE THAT RIVER. AND THE COUNTY STAFF, WHO I WANT TO ALSO
16 COMMEND, ESPECIALLY OUR SHERIFF C.O.P.S. TEAM, WHICH I LEARNED
17 TO APPRECIATE MORE AND UNDERSTAND THE HUMILITY THAT THEY BRING
18 TO THIS WORK, BECAUSE IT WAS VERY INTERESTING ON AN OCCASION I
19 HAD TO MEET OUT AT THE RIVER BED IN SAN GABRIEL, IT'S THE
20 FIRST TIME I SAW THAT PEOPLE WEREN'T RUNNING FROM LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT. THEY WERE ACTUALLY COMING TO US AND TO THE FOLKS
22 THAT ARE HERE TODAY. AND THAT TELLS YOU THAT THEY'RE BUILDING
23 THAT KIND OF TRUST AND SENSITIVITY THAT IT TAKES TO UNDERSTAND
24 WHAT THESE ISSUES ARE. SO I WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S
25 C.O.P.S. TEAM, THE SHERIFF'S PARKS BUREAU, THE SHERIFF

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1 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU, THE TEMPLE, INDUSTRY, AND PICO
2 RIVERA STATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE,
3 PUBLIC WORKS WATERSHED MAINTENANCE, PARKS AND RECREATION AND,
4 OF COURSE, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND, YES, THE STAFF FROM THE
5 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY AND THE UNITED STATES
6 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT. PLEASE GIVE
7 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
8 POINT OUT A VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL WHO I'VE MET WHO'S BEEN
9 WORKING ON THIS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, I BELIEVE. LIEUTENANT
10 JEFF DIETRICH. I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON
11 BEHALF OF THE TASKFORCE.

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13 **LT. JEFF DIETRICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, WE'D
14 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU. YOUR STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS
15 COLLABORATION, BRINGING ALL THESE ENTITIES TOGETHER, HAS
16 REALLY PROVED TO MAKE OUR BOND STRONGER, AND OUR COLLABORATION
17 HAS ALSO HELPED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LIVING DOWN IN THE
18 RIVER BEDS AND TO HOOK THEM UP WITH THE SERVICES SO THAT THEY
19 NO LONGER HAVE TO STAY THERE. IT'S AN ONGOING MISSION TO
20 FINISH, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO BRING TO YOUR
23 ATTENTION THAT L.A.H.S.A. PROVIDES A LOT OF WORK BEHIND THE
24 SCENES. AND SOME OF US DIDN'T -- I DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL
25 THE THINGS THAT THEY WERE DOING OUT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

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1 AND I KNOW ACROSS THE COUNTY. BUT TO KNOW THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES HOMELESS IN PRIOR YEARS HAVE NOW GONE
3 THROUGH RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND ARE ALSO OUT THERE ON THE
4 FIELD. AND THESE ARE THE FINE GENTLEMEN, MEN AND WOMEN THAT
5 ARE ALSO SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT ONE
6 OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO GET MORE PEOPLE
7 INVOLVED WHO ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS, BECAUSE THAT
8 SENSITIVITY CAN MEAN SO MUCH FOR US. IT WILL MAKE THE
9 DIFFERENCE. SO, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD ALL OF YOU AND
10 WOULD ASK THE BOARD MEMBERS TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE WORK
11 THAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT WE KNOW THAT THE WORK GOES ON. THANK
12 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SO, SUPERVISOR KNABE, ANTONOVICH, RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS, KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OUR NEXT PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S A GREAT
19 PLEASURE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO
20 WON THE SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL
21 RIGHTS FOUNDATION'S 38TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY MOCK TRIAL
22 COMPETITION. AND HAVING WON THE L.A. COUNTY PRIZE, THEY GO ON
23 TO COMPETE IN THE STATE. THE TRIAL SIMULATES A CRIMINAL CASE
24 IN WHICH STUDENTS PORTRAY EACH OF THE PRINCIPALS IN A CAST OF
25 COURTROOM CHARACTERS. STUDENT TEAMS STUDY A HYPOTHETICAL CASE,

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1 CONDUCT LEGAL RESEARCH, AND RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM VOLUNTEER
2 ATTORNEYS IN COURTROOM PROCEDURES AND TRIAL PREPARATION.
3 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE AS LAWYERS, AS WITNESSES, AS COURT
4 CLERKS, AND BAILIFFS. SO I'M VERY, VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE,
5 WITH APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE IF I MURDER ANY OF YOUR NAMES, FIRST
6 OR LAST, LEXI AFRADI, CHRISTOPHER AZARLOZA, SAMANTHA BADER,
7 SPENCER DELGADO, CONOR FAIRTLOUGH, LOUIS GERNY, CHRISTINE
8 GOTTHARDT, BRYCE HURLESS, NOELLE JOHNSON, SPENCER LEVITT,
9 VERONICA MANSOUR, KRISTINA MARTER, MAXWELL NEWMAN, LONDON
10 PACE, HANNAH SELLFORS, REBECCA STEINBERG, JUDY YANG, AND THEIR
11 COACH, JENNIFER BADER. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. PLEASE GIVE
12 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** VERY GOOD TO MEET YOU. PLEASE SAY SOME
17 WORDS HERE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HER STAFF,
20 FOR RECOGNIZING OUR TEAM THIS MORNING. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE
21 HERE. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR
22 SCHOOL, CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST HILLS, AND OUR VERY
23 SUPPORTIVE ADMINISTRATION. AND WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
24 WE THANK THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, WHO PUTS ON
25 THIS PROGRAM. LITERALLY 2,000 STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE THROUGH THE MONTH OF
2 NOVEMBER. AND SO, WE THANK THEM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY DO
3 FOR OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOPEFULLY
4 BRINGING BACK THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TO LOS ANGELES. AND WE
5 WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WITH ONE OF OUR
6 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CHAMINADE
7 MOCK TRIAL TEAM. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE HAVE SUPERVISOR KNABE NOW
10 FOR A PRESENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
13 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SPEAKING OF STATE CHAMPIONS, I'M
14 BRINGING THE STATE CHAMPION UP HERE, MIRA COSTA, THE CHAMPIONS
15 IN THE HOUSE, THE CHAMPIONS IN THE HOUSE, C.I.F. GIRLS GOLF
16 TEAM. TODAY WE'RE HONORING THE COACHES AND PLAYERS OF MIRA
17 COSTA ON THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR C.I.F. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
18 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, ANDREA LEE, ASHLEY KIM, MARNI MUREZ,
19 VERONICA CHEN, LEXI NIELSEN AND DANIELLE RICHMAN AND COACHES
20 TOM COX AND JOSH ALBERT AND SCOTT ROBERT. WE WANT TO
21 CONGRATULATE THEM. THE TEAMMATES MARNI AND ASHLEY LED THE WAY
22 AS THE MUSTANGS CAPTURED THEIR FIRST C.I.F. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
23 IN PEBBLE BEACH. THEIR TEAM SCORE OF 391 EDGED OUT SECOND
24 PLACE WALNUT FROM TEAMS ACROSS THE STATE. SO, THEY HAD A GREAT
25 DAY. THAT WAS A VERY TOUGH COMPETITION. AS I UNDERSTAND, THE

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1 FIRST PLAYER OUT DID PRETTY GOOD AND THEN SOMEBODY HAD TO HANG
2 ON AT THE END. AND THEY DID THAT TO HOLD ON FOR A VERY
3 COMFORTABLE WIN. WE'RE REALLY, REALLY PROUD OF THEM. LET'S
4 SEE. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THESE SCORING THINGS OUT. I'M NOT
5 GOING TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. ANYWAY, THEY SHOT WELL. DO YOU KNOW
6 HOW WELL THEY SHOT? THEY WON THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. LET'S PUT
7 IT THAT WAY, OKAY? [APPLAUSE.] SO, THEY'VE ALSO WON THE BAY
8 LEAGUE TITLE, THE C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION
9 CHAMPIONSHIP, AND NOW THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. WE ARE REALLY
10 PROUD OF THESE YOUNG LADIES, NOT ONLY THEIR ATHLETIC ABILITY
11 BUT THEIR ACADEMIC ABILITY, AS WELL. AND TO THE COACHES AND
12 TEAMS AND MOMS AND DADS THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN, WE JUST WANT TO
13 SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STATE C.I.F.
14 GIRL CHAMPIONS, MIRA COSTA. COACH, DO YOU WANT TO?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR
17 SUPPORT, FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR GOLF AND THE SPECIAL
18 EVENT THAT IS THE KNABE CUP. WE ARE EXTREMELY HUMBLLED AND
19 HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY AND SO PROUD OF THESE GIRLS WHO PUT
20 IN THE HARD WORK AND THE COACHING STAFF AND OUR BOOSTER
21 PROGRAM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON. THANK YOU.

22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I DO HAVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION, BUT
2 THEY HAVE TO TAKE A BOAT TO GET HERE. SO, WE'RE WAITING FOR
3 THE BOAT TO ARRIVE. OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A REAL
8 PLEASURE TO WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A LONGTIME
9 PERSONAL FRIEND, A GOOD MAN WHO IS COMING BACK TO LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY FROM THE WONDERFUL STATE OF OKLAHOMA. BUT WHEN HE WAS
11 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HE WAS OUR HEISMAN FOOTBALL PLAYER,
12 AWARD WINNER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN
13 1965 AND SET NUMEROUS, NUMEROUS RECORDS. MICHAEL? ON AN ASIDE,
14 HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN TO THE SOUTH PASADENA METRO STATION?
15 SOUTH PASADENA? HOW MANY HAVE SEEN THAT SCULPTURE? THIS IS HIS
16 BROTHER-IN-LAW DID THAT SCULPTURE. BROTHER-IN-LAW. ANYWAY. SO
17 THAT'S PART OF THE GARRETT LEGACY FROM SAN DIEGO TO LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY TO OKLAHOMA AND BACK TO CALIFORNIA STATE
19 UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. MIKE PLAYED IN THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL
20 LEAGUE WITH THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS FROM 1966 TO '69 AND THEN
21 WITH THE SAN DIEGO CHARGERS UNTIL 1973. AND HAD YOU STAYED
22 WITH THEM, YOU MIGHT BE PLAYING IN INGLEWOOD IN A COUPLE
23 YEARS. HE ATTENDED ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM
24 WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, WHERE HE EARNED HIS
25 DOCTORATE IN LAW. HE IS WITH US TODAY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF

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1 THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES, DR. WILLIAM
2 COVINO. ANYWAY, WHAT WE HAVE HERE, HE IS GOING TO BE THE NEW
3 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. WE HAD A GREAT FOOTBALL COACH BY THE NAME
4 OF HOMER BEATTY WHEN WE WERE NO. 1 MANY YEARS AGO, AND WE'RE
5 LOOKING FORWARD TO MICHAEL REPEATING WHAT HOMER BEATTY HAD
6 DONE YEARS AGO, RESTORING THE PRIDE IN THAT UNIVERSITY. PRIOR
7 TO JOINING CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, HE SERVED AS THE BUSINESS
8 DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE GREAT WESTERN FORUM, WORKED IN
9 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN SAN DIEGO. IN '93 WAS
10 APPOINTED AS THE SIXTH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND HIS GREAT CLAIM TO FAME WAS HIRING
12 COACH PETE CARROLL. AFTER LEAVING U.S.C, HE BECAME THE
13 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY IN OKLAHOMA. WELCOME
14 BACK TO LOS ANGELES. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
15 AND OFF THE FIELD. YOU'RE A GREAT ROLE MODEL FOR EVERYONE,
16 ESPECIALLY MY FAMILY, SO GOD BLESS YOU.

17

18 **DR. WILLIAM COVINO:** GOOD MORNING. I'M BILL COVINO. I'M VERY
19 PROUD TO BE PRESIDENT OF CAL STATE L.A., WHERE WE TRY AND
20 INSTILL IN ALL OF OUR STUDENTS THE ETHIC OF PUSHING
21 BOUNDARIES, OF EXCEEDING BEYOND THEIR OWN EXPECTATIONS. AND
22 THERE IS NO GREATER EXAMPLE OF PUSHING BOUNDARIES THAN MIKE
23 GARRETT, WHO IS A CHAMPION IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD, WHO
24 BEGAN HIS LIFE PLAYING IN THE COMMUNITIES AND PARKS OF BOYLE
25 HEIGHTS AND WENT ON TO GREAT, GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE FIELD

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1 AND IN THE FRONT OFFICE. HAVING MIKE WITH US HELPS SUPPORT OUR
2 EFFORT TO MAKE ALL OF THE STUDENTS OF CAL STATE L.A., ALL
3 28,000 OF THEM, CHAMPIONS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. SO, I WANT TO
4 THANK THE BOARD FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THIS
5 GREAT MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF CAL STATE L.A., AND I WANT TO
6 THANK MIKE GARRETT FOR COMING BACK HOME AND JOINING US AND
7 USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE UNIVERSITY.
8 MIKE? [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **MIKE GARRETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR THIS
11 HONOR. AND THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN SOLIS. I'VE BEEN A LONG TIME
12 RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. I GREW UP IN
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. MOST OF MY CAREER AS A COLLEGE
14 FOOTBALL PLAYER AND AS AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT U.S.C. WAS IN
15 THE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS DISTRICT. AND OF COURSE, I'M
16 A LONG ADMIRER OF THE WORK OF SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL. SO AFTER SOME TIME AWAY, I'M GRATEFUL TO BE BACK IN LOS
18 ANGELES AMONGST FRIENDS. THIS INDEED IS A HOMECOMING TO ME. AS
19 A TEENAGER, I USED TO PLAY BASKETBALL AT THE CAL STATE L.A.
20 GYM AND STUDY IN THE LIBRARY. IT WAS MY NEIGHBORHOOD
21 UNIVERSITY. I KNEW CAL STATE L.A. WAS HOME TO BILLIE JEAN
22 KING. I'M HERE TO CONTINUE THAT WINNING TRADITION. WINNING IN
23 CAL STATE L.A. IS IN OUR D.N.A. WHEN I SAY WINNING, I MEAN
24 BEING SUCCESSFUL. I WANT THE STUDENTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL ON THE
25 FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM. FOR ME, COMING FROM MONTE VILLA

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1 PROJECTS, EVERY SUCCESS THAT I HAD AT U.S.C., FIRST MY
2 ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL AND THE N.B.A., SHOWED ME I CAN ACHIEVE
3 THINGS AND MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN. THAT SUCCESS IN
4 ATHLETICS DROVE MY PROCESS, DROVE MY SUCCESS IN ACADEMICS AS
5 WELL AS ATHLETICS. WE LEARNED THERE ARE NO LIMITS IN LIFE WHEN
6 YOU ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE. WINNING IS CONTAGIOUS. WHEN YOU WIN
7 IN ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS, IT ALSO INSPIRES US IN EVERY OTHER
8 AVENUE. CAL STATE L.A. WILL BE EVEN GREATER AS YEARS COME --
9 WILL BE EVEN A GREATER CONTRIBUTOR TO LOS ANGELES. WE WILL
10 BUILD A GREATER UNIVERSITY THAN WE EVER COULD IMAGINE. THERE
11 IS NO OTHER PLACE I'D RATHER BE THAN BE HERE RIGHT NOW. AND WE
12 WILL DOMINATE IN OUR SPORTS AND OUR ACADEMICS. GOD BLESS.
13 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE SOME
16 OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL IN SOUTH
17 PASADENA. THEY'VE HAD THE BENEFIT OF HAVING ONE OF THE GREAT
18 ROLE MODELS, SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OUR
19 STATE, NATION, AND WORLD IN MONSIGNOR CONNOLLY, WHO HAS
20 OVERSEEN THAT WONDERFUL CHURCH AND THAT SCHOOL. THIS SCHOOL
21 GROUP OF STUDENTS, THEY WON THEIR FIRST MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
22 SPONSORED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION WHEN THEY
23 PARTICIPATED IN THE 38TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY MOCK TRIAL
24 COMPETITION. THEY STUDY HYPOTHETICAL CASES, THEY CONDUCT LEGAL
25 RESEARCH AND PARTICIPATE AS LAWYERS, WITNESSES AND COURT

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1 CLERKS AND BAILIFFS AND ACQUIRE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF OUR
2 JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THIS YEAR, OVER 2,000 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PARTICIPATED. THE RECIPIENTS WHO WON
4 THIS AWARD TODAY ARE JACKSON BACA, CAROLINE CHASE, ALICIA
5 JIMENEZ, JOHN MICHAEL PHILPONE, SARAH HANKS, GRACE HARO, GABBY
6 PETRELLI, ABBIE TROTH, TAMMY CARTLIN, CONNA SADARJO, HIRO, WHO
7 ARE TWINS, RIGHT? GOOD. OKAY. DIEGO GUTIERREZ, MAYA ISHMAEL,
8 KAY THOMPSON, MARCUS PHILAPONE, AND ELSIE SIEGLER. SO, LET'S
9 GIVE THEM ALL A BIG HAND. THESE ARE THE WINNERS AND
10 RECIPIENTS. [APPLAUSE.] WHO IS GOING TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR
11 THE GROUP? OKAY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND THANK YOU TO
14 THE COUNTY BOARD FOR HONORING OUR STUDENTS TODAY. I WOULD
15 PARTICULARLY LIKE TO THANK MY CO-COACH DIANE EVANS, THE
16 INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE PARENTS OF HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, AND
17 ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS. THESE ARE 11, 12 AND 13-YEAR-OLDS.
18 THEY LEARN HOW TO DIRECT AND CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES. THEY
19 DELIVERED OPENING AND CLOSING STATEMENTS. THEY FIGURED OUT THE
20 HEARSAY RULE. THEY ARE INCREDIBLE STUDENTS. THEIR PASSION AND
21 THEIR DEDICATION TO THIS PROGRAM MAKES MY JOB AND MRS. EVANS'
22 JOB MUCH EASIER. SO, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR
23 TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA, WHO IS 8
2 WEEKS OLD, TWIX. AND WE HAVE SNOW, WHO IS FOUR MONTHS OLD. A
3 LITTLE MALE MALTESE MIX IS HERE. SO I'LL LET YOU GUESS WHICH
4 ONE IS THE CHIHUAHUA AND WHICH ONE IS THE MALTESE. OKAY, OKAY,
5 THAT'S GOOD. LET ME TURN YOU AROUND THE OTHER WAY. THESE CUTE
6 LITTLE GIRLS ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO
7 ADOPT? YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
11 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
12 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE
13 NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
14 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC
15 OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING
17 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE
18 FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN
19 THEIR TIME IS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.. SPEAKERS
20 MUST CEASE SPEAKING WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
21 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ITEM.
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
23 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
24 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
25 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM

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1 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
2 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
3 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR
4 OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
5 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS,
6 AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE
7 ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. THE PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT
8 THAT DIRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
9 BOARD HEARING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN
11 ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING PLEASE NOTIFY THE
12 SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE HAVE MEMBERS
15 OF THE AUDIENCE THAT HAVE HELD SOME ITEMS. I'D LIKE TO CALL
16 THEM UP AT THIS TIME. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS,
17 DANIEL GOTTLIEB, AND ERIC PREVEN. AND LET ME READ THOSE ITEMS.
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEMS 12 AND 14. ARNOLD SACHS, ITEMS
19 2-D, 1, 9, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 28 AND 29. DANIEL
20 GOTTLIEB, ITEM 17. ERIC PREVEN, ITEM 9, 12, 15, 17, 20, 23,
21 26, 30 AND 31. NO, GO AHEAD. GOOD MORNING.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, GOOD MORNING. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE
24 THIRD DISTRICT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS IS HAVING A MINOR CONSULTATION. I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK

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1 MOMENTARILY. TODAY WE HAVE A JAM-PACKED DAY, AND I ASSUME THAT
2 SOME OF THE ITEMS, I GOT A LITTLE CONFUSED THERE, BUT NO. 9
3 I'LL START WITH, BECAUSE I HEARD IT RIGHT UP FRONT. THIS IS A
4 GROUP CALLED ELECTIONS SOMETHING, SOMETHING, L.L.C. THEY ARE A
5 GROUP THAT HELPS SCAN THE LETTERS PEOPLE THAT SIGN WHEN THEY
6 VOTE BY MAIL IN MS. KUEHL'S CAMPAIGN OR YOUR CAMPAIGN, MADAME.
7 AND THIS IS A GROUP THAT GOT THEIR DEAL SOLE-SOURCED FOR 7-
8 SOMETHING MILLION BUCKS. NOW WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE
9 MORE. IT'S ONLY A QUARTER MILLION, I THINK, BUT THESE GUYS
10 LOBBY THROUGH ENGLANDER, KNABE, AND ALLEN, AND THAT STINKS TO
11 HIGH HEAVEN FROM MY VIEW. SO, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE -- AND
12 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO BUY SOME EQUIPMENT FROM THE CITY TO DO
13 THIS. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE I WASN'T EVEN FAMILIAR THAT THE
14 CITY SCANS ELECTRONICALLY THEIR SIGNATURES, BECAUSE I WENT
15 OVER AND LOOKED AT THE SIGNATURES THAT I HAD TO GET. THERE WAS
16 NO SCANNING GOING ON. BUT IT WASN'T VOTE BY MAIL, TO BE FAIR.
17 ITEM NO. 32-A, I'M GOING TO COME BACK ON, WHICH IS THE COASTAL
18 COMMISSION. ITEM 30, HERE WE GOT THE SHERIFF WHO IS DOING A
19 GREAT JOB OF CANCELING ALL OF THE R-2 MEETINGS FOR THE
20 CIVILIAN MAX HUNTSMAN AND ALL THOSE GUYS TO REPORT, WHICH IS
21 AN INSULT, BUT HERE WE HAVE SOME FIREARM MASTER AGREEMENT
22 PROJECTS WHICH MASTER AGREEMENTS ARE INTERESTING. IT'S WHERE
23 YOU PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF VENDORS AND THEN OVER THERE YOU
24 DECIDE WHO YOU'RE GOING TO USE AND HOW MUCH. BEACHES AND
25 HARBORS IS HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM BRINGING FORWARD

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1 MULTIPLE EXAMPLES OF THAT, INCLUDING URBAN PLANNING AND
2 ENGINEERING AND TREE TRIMMING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. SO, I WOULD
3 ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO GET WITH MR. JONES AND MR. KIM AND
4 PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION FORTHWITH. ITEM NO. 20 IS ANOTHER
5 EXAMPLE OF A GROUP THAT'S HELPING OUT THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS,
6 SHELTER CLEAN SERVICES, INC. THEY COME IN AND CLEAN UP THE
7 SHELTERS. \$5 MILLION BUCKS. ONE PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED. SO
8 THIS, MISS KUEHL, I KNOW YOU'RE A SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE
9 ADDICT, WE NEED TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE SOME OF THAT
10 WORK TO PEOPLE WHO COULD DO IT WHO ARE SMALL BUSINESS AS
11 OPPOSED TO A SOLE-SOURCE GUY WITH ONE -- NOT SOLE SOURCE BUT
12 ONE PROPOSAL FROM THE R.F.P. THEY MAY BE DOING AN ADEQUATE
13 JOB, MAYBE NOT. ASK PEOPLE AROUND TOWN. ITEM NUMBER 17 IS NEW
14 ONE. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE REPLACEMENT ACCUMULATED CAPITAL
15 OUTLAY FUND IN THE MARINA. I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE ACCUMULATED,
16 BUT THIS IS THE REPLACEMENT ACCUMULATED. SO, IS THAT A
17 SEPARATE FUND? PLEASE SCRUTINIZE THESE GUYS CAREFULLY. ITEM 15
18 IS COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN SCHLEPPING ALONG
19 THE 501 (C) 3 ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND MANY, MANY OTHER
20 GROUPS. THEY NEED TO BE WATCHED CLOSELY. I'VE SAID THIS
21 REPEATEDLY. LOOK AT THEM, OKAY? WATCH IT. THIS IS 325, BUT
22 THEY'RE GETTING ANOTHER BASICALLY 650 FOR A PERIOD THAT ENDS
23 IN A FEW MONTHS. SO SOMETHING'S A LITTLE MURKY THERE. ITEM NO.
24 26, I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR
25 ONCE AGAIN REACHING TO THE VICTIMS IN TRYING TO HELP OUT. THIS

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1 IS A SUBSTANTIAL ALMOST \$1.8 MILLION. LET'S ALSO GET A SENSE
2 OF WHAT, HOW, WHEN AT THE LEGAL STRATEGY MEETING. SHE TOOK 10
3 OF HER BEST, INCLUDING DAVE -- FORMER PUBLIC INTEGRITY GUY,
4 HAD A LITTLE CONVERSATION. I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS A SENSE OF
5 WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT. ITEM NO. 23 IS OUT IN OUR THIRD
6 DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, REALLY, IT'S RUDE TO HAVE A
7 CONFERENCE DURING THE MEETING. BUT NONETHELESS, THIS IS AN
8 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AWAY SOME PROPERTY TO A GROUP CALLED THE
9 MUSE SCHOOL. BUT THERE'S DIFFERENT NAMES. WHO IS STEVEN
10 WEISSMANN? HE DOESN'T SCAN. THE GUY WHO SCANS --

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?
13 DOCTOR?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 12, I THINK THAT THE
17 PROJECT WAS APPROVED A LONG TIME AGO. AND I'M SURPRISED OF THE
18 LENGTH OF TIME IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO MAKE THOSE RENOVATIONS.
19 ON ITEM 13, I THOUGHT IT WAS HELD BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT
20 WAS. ANYWAY, ON 14, I WOULD LIKE A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ON
21 THAT. WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
22 PAYING FOR, TO DEFEND A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, BUT THEY ARE NOT
23 SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT IT IS ABOUT OR NOTHING. AND YOU SHOULD BE
24 A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC. AND THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW
25 THAT. YOU KNOW, IT'S UNDER CODE SECTION 995.6. IT SAYS THAT

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1 SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED WHAT IT IS ABOUT. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
2 A PRETTY BIG ISSUE, THAT AN EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE PROTECTED THE
3 COUNTY, PREVENTING A PATIENT TO RECEIVE CARE. SO THAT'S PRETTY
4 BIG. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION. ON
5 ITEM 13, IS IT HELD BY RIDLEY? OKAY. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M VERY
6 CONCERNED THAT WE ARE CONTINUING A LOT OF THE ITEMS. THE
7 BUDGET ON HEALTH HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOREVER. AND I AM VERY
8 CONCERNED. I THINK WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET THE BUDGET FROM
9 HEALTH WHEN IT IS DUE, NOT WAY AFTER. I ALSO WANTED TO FINALLY
10 FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD ON SOME OF THE BEHAVIOR. AND
11 THE FAX NUMBER WE ARE GIVEN FOR THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER
12 DOES NOT WORK, THE FAX NUMBER. WE CALLED REPEATEDLY LAST WEEK
13 TO SEND THAT INFORMATION. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THAT TO
14 YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. YOU DON'T SEEM TO
19 RUN THESE ITEMS ON THE SCREEN FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE WHAT WE'RE
20 ACTUALLY BRINGING UP BEFORE THE BOARD. WHEN DID THEY
21 DISCONTINUE THAT? BUT BACK TO THE ITEMS AND YOUR LARGENESS FOR
22 LETTING US SPEAK FOR THREE MINUTES. I HELD ITEM 2-D. 5 PERCENT
23 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE TAKEN FROM THE HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER
24 FUNDS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ABOUT A PERMANENT SANTA CLARITA
25 HOMELESS SHELTER. THEY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF WINNING THE

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1 LOTTERY WITHOUT BUYING A TICKET. BUT WHY -- YOU TALK ABOUT
2 HOMELESS SERVICES. YOU JUST DID A PRESENTATION AND YOU HAVE
3 TAKEN 5 PERCENT OF HOMELESS SERVICE FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
4 FEES. WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU ADMINISTRATING? I HELD ITEM NO. 1.
5 IT WAS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PERSONAL ASSISTANT SERVICE
6 COUNCIL. AND THIS STORY HERE IS FROM 6/11/15, A RAISE FOR CARE
7 WORKERS. EACH YEAR SOME 140,000 IN-HOME WORKERS TAKE CARE OF
8 APPROXIMATELY 100,000 -- 190,000 INFIRMED RESIDENTS IN LOS
9 ANGELES, BECAUSE THIS IS A STORY FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 WITH
10 LAFONSA BUTLER, WHO MENTIONED SHE IS THE HEAD OF THE UNION FOR
11 IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS. WELL, IF THERE WAS 140,000 IN-HOME
12 HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO WERE PART OF THE UNION AND 100,000
13 COUNTY WORKERS, YOU'D HAVE LIKE OVER 200,000 EMPLOYEES WORKING
14 FOR THE COUNTY. YOU DON'T. SO HOW COME THEY'RE NOT GETTING THE
15 \$15 AN HOUR? I HELD ITEM NO. 9, SPEAKING OF \$15 AN HOUR. IT
16 DEALS WITH THE REGISTRAR RECORDER. YOU HAVE ELECTION COMING
17 UP. IS THE STIPEND STILL GOING TO BE LESS THAN \$8 AN HOUR FOR
18 THE 15 HOURS YOU WORK, OR ARE YOU GOING TO PAY MINIMUM WAGE?
19 \$10, \$12, AND UP TO \$15. NO NEWS ON THAT. I HELD ITEM 14,
20 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL. I SUGGEST THIS PERSON. THEY
21 INVEST IN SOME BAZOOKA JOE AS PLAN B. I HELD ITEMS 18 AND 19
22 AND 21. PROP C LOCAL SALES TAX. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO TRADE
23 OFF HIGHWAY THROUGH CITY FUNDS FOR PROP C SALES TAX. WHY ARE
24 YOU DELEGATING PROP C SALES TAX? ISN'T THAT A METRO SALES TAX?
25 ISN'T THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? WHAT DOES COUNTY COUNSEL

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1 SAY ABOUT THAT? THEY'RE TRADING OFF. BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF
2 THERE'S ADMINISTRATIVE FEES INVOLVED THERE. WHO KNOWS? THE
3 CITY OF INDUSTRY, COVINA AND GLENDORA ARE GETTING HIGHWAY
4 THROUGH SALES AND CITIES FUNDS. BUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
5 DOESN'T LIST ANY OF THE FUNDING FOR HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ROWLAND
6 HEIGHTS, WALNUT HILLS AND CHARTER OAK. THAT'S THE COUNTY. WHAT
7 IS THE SOURCE OF FUNDING? PROP C SALES TAX? AND BY THE WAY,
8 ACCORDING TO THE PROJECTIONS FROM THE METRO BOARD BACK IN
9 2008, THAT WOULD BE \$1.333 MILLION -- BILLION DOLLARS. \$103
10 BILLION A YEAR IN SALES TAX. MUST HAVE MISSED THAT JUST A
11 LITTLE BIT BY 50 PERCENT.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, TIME'S EXPIRED.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

18

19 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** MY NAME IS DANIEL GOTTLIEB, A PROFESSOR OF
20 MATHEMATICS, AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE BOARD'S LETTER
21 ON THE FLOOD PROJECT ON PARKING LOT 9 IN MARINA DEL REY FAILS
22 TO MENTION -- FAILS TO HAVE A PROJECT MAP, SO THAT MANY PEOPLE
23 MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND WHERE IT IS. AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT IT,
24 BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS A HISTORY OF
25 SOMEHOW TAKING A LITTLE THING AND DOING TOO MUCH. LIKE TREES,

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1 THERE WERE TREES, PROBLEMATIC TREES ON ADMIRALTY WAY. AND
2 INSTEAD OF CHOPPING DOWN JUST A FEW, THEY CHOPPED DOWN ALL OF
3 THEM, THE SCENIC HIGHWAY, RUINING THE VIEW. AND OTHER
4 SITUATIONS COMING UP FROM THERE. SO I'M WORRIED THAT THEY'RE
5 GOING TO TAKE PARKING LOT 9 WITH AN ADDRESS THAT IS NOT
6 ACTUALLY ON THE LOT AND CONFUSING IT WITH PARCEL 9, WHICH IS
7 AN IMPORTANT THING THAT'S INVOLVED WITH -- THAT'S A
8 CONTROVERSY. I DON'T WANT THEM ACCIDENTALLY TO USE PARCEL 9 AS
9 A PROJECT, WHICH WE AREN'T PLANNING FOR. ON THE FLOODING, THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT AN EARLIER STAGE WITH ZEV
11 YAROSLAVSKY'S PROPOSAL THAT THEY WANTED TO -- I CAN'T
12 REMEMBER. OKAY. SO THEY WANTED TO DO SOME SORT OF FLOOD
13 PROJECT. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAD A LEGAL
14 DESCRIPTION WHICH COMPLETELY MISINTERPRETED THE TAX LAW THAT
15 WAS INVOLVED. SO I'M QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM THAT WE
16 HAVE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND I HOPE THAT YOU
17 WILL NOTE THAT THE ADDRESS ISN'T POSTED ON THE LOT. AND
18 THERE'S NO PROJECT MAP. YOU ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE A PROJECT MAP.
19 MOST PEOPLE IN THE MARINA DEL REY DON'T KNOW WHAT PARKING LOT
20 9 IS. PARKING LOT F.F., WHICH IS ALSO A MAJOR ONE, IS CALLED
21 PARKING LOT 14. SO THIS MAKES THINGS --

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 COMMENTS.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 2-D, 1, 9, 12,
2 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 AND 31
3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
6 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE HAS A PRESENTATION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 CONSIDERATION, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS
11 I MENTIONED, SHE LOOKED AT ME SORT OF FUNNY WHEN I SAID MY
12 OTHER PRESENTATION HAS TO TAKE A BOAT. IT WAS A BOAT FROM
13 AVALON. BEFORE YOU STAND THE AVALON HIGH SCHOOL LANCER
14 FOOTBALL TEAM AND THEIR HEAD COACH, MICHAEL FORSELA, AND
15 ASSISTANT COACH ENRIQUE DOMINGUEZ. THEY WON THE C.I.F.
16 SOUTHERN SECTION 8-MAN DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST
17 TIME IN THEIR PROGRAM HISTORY. THEY WERE 11-0 AND DEFEATED
18 MOJAVE 50-8 ON THE ROAD FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. FROM THE
19 BEGINNING, THE TEAM WON AT A REALLY PERFECT SEASON, AND THEY
20 GOT IT, ENDING PERFECTLY AT 11-0. SO WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT
21 TO CONGRATULATE THEM. IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO GET SOME OF
22 THOSE WINNING TEAMS ON THE ISLAND TO COME OVER HERE, BECAUSE
23 IT'S A LITTLE TRIP FOR YOU, AND I KNOW YOU'D RATHER BE IN
24 SCHOOL THAN BE HERE. YOU WERE HOPING YOU COULD COME ON THE
25 10:00 BOAT, RIGHT? NO, JUST KIDDING. BUT ANYWAY, LET'S GIVE

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1 THEM A BIG ROUND OF ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AVALON LANCERS, 8-MAN
2 FOOTBALL, C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION CHAMPS. WHERE'S THE COACH?
3 ALL RIGHT, COACH. DO YOU WANT TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS THERE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** FOR SURE. THANK YOU FOR THIS. IT'S PRETTY AWESOME. WE
6 GOT ON A BOAT AT 8 A.M. THIS MORNING, MADE THE TRIP OVER HERE,
7 WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP TWO MONTHS AGO, AND, YEAH, THIS MEANS A
8 LOT. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION. YEAH, VERY COOL.
9 THANK YOU. WE GOT OUR CAPTAIN RIGHT HERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ALL THE HARD WORK PAID OFF. WE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT
14 WITHOUT THE FANS' SUPPORT, THE ADMINISTRATION, OUR COACHES
15 AND, YEAH, THIS IS MY FAMILY RIGHT HERE. THESE ARE MY
16 BROTHERS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IS COUNCILMAN OLSEN HERE? DIDN'T I SEE HIM?
19 PRINCIPAL? ANYBODY WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT. HERE'S THE
20 PRINCIPAL.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE CAME ALL THIS WAY. WHY NOT? THANK YOU FOR THIS
23 RECOGNITION. THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF YOUNG MEN AND A GREAT
24 GROUP OF COACHES. AND THEIR DEDICATION REALLY PAID OFF. SO
25 WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TEAM PHOTO
3 HERE. I JUST WANT THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT A POLITICIAN BY
4 THE NAME OF OLE OLSEN REFUSED TO TALK. SO, THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
5 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OLE. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, BEFORE WE START OUR SPECIAL
8 ORDER, WE HAVE SOME TIME HERE, SO I'D LIKE TO GO INTO
9 ADJOURNMENTS. AND I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND READ OFF SOME OF MY
10 ADJOURNMENTS THAT I HAVE, SO THAT WE CAN THEN BE READY FOR OUR
11 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS. MEMBERS, TODAY I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HARRISON MCINTOSH.
13 HARRISON MCINTOSH WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ARTIST AND
14 LONGTIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT. BORN IN VALLEJO ON
15 SEPTEMBER 11, 1914. GREW UP IN STOCKTON AND DISCOVERED A
16 PASSION FOR ART AT THE HAGGIN MUSEUM IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY. IN
17 1944, MACINTOSH WAS DRAFTED IN THE ARMY. IN 1948, THROUGH
18 FUNDING FROM THE G.I. BILL, HE WAS ACCEPTED TO CLAREMONT
19 GRADUATE SCHOOL, WHERE HE STUDIED EXPERIMENTAL CERAMICS UNDER
20 THE DIRECTION OF RICHARD PETTERSON. OVER THE YEARS, HE
21 DEVELOPED HIS OWN ARTISTIC STYLE AND HELPED SHAPE THE POST-WAR
22 CERAMICS MOVEMENT IN CALIFORNIA. HE SETTLED IN CLAREMONT,
23 WHERE HE SET UP HIS STUDIO. HIS WIFE, MARGUERITE, HELPED HIM
24 WITH COMMERCIAL DESIGN PROJECTS IN JAPAN AND GERMANY. MCINTOSH
25 CONTINUED TO WORK UNTIL 2002, WHEN HE LOST HIS VISION, WHICH

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1 FORCED HIM INTO RETIREMENT. OVER THE YEARS, HE SHOWCASED HIS
2 WORK IN MANY EXHIBITIONS, INCLUDING A TIMELESS LEGACY AT THE
3 AMERICAN MUSEUM OF CERAMIC ART IN 2009. MCINTOSH PASSED AWAY
4 OF NATURAL CAUSES ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT THE AGE OF 101.
5 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARGUERITE, DAUGHTER, CATHERINE,
6 SON-IN-LAW CHARLES TUGGLE AND TWO GRANDSONS JACK AND SAM
7 TUGGLE. NEXT, MEMBERS, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
8 LAVERLE MCKINNON. MISS LAVERLE MCKINNON WAS BORN IN 1925 IN
9 MOODY, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 21ST, 2016 AT THE AGE
10 OF 90. SHE GRADUATED FROM SCOTT AND WHITE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN
11 TEXAS AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1946. SHE WORKED AT DR.
12 CLAUDE UDKOFF IN MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA. SHE WILL BE
13 REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION FOR CARING FOR OTHERS THROUGH
14 HER PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE. SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER,
15 FLOYD ATKIN, CHILDREN PAT WIGGINS, GRANDCHILDREN, TRINA
16 ROFFINO, ROCKY MCKINNON, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, GARRETT
17 ROFFINO AND HENDRIX MCKINNON, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY
18 MEMBERS. ALL WE'LL MISS HER. AND LASTLY I HAVE ONE ITEM I'D
19 LIKE TO READ IN, A MOTION BY ME AND COAUTHORED BY MARK RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS. AND THIS IS TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY
21 MONTH. "BLACK HISTORY MONTH, ALSO KNOWN AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN
22 HISTORY MONTH, IS AN ANNUAL OBSERVATION IN THE UNITED STATES,
23 CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR REMEMBRANCE OF THE IMPORTANT
24 PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN
25 THE UNITED STATES AND IT IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN FEBRUARY.

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1 DURING THIS MONTH, WE'RE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN, HONOR AND
2 CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT
3 OUR HISTORY. WE MUST LOOK BACK IN ORDER TO LOOK FORWARD. WE
4 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2016 AS BLACK
5 HISTORY MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY." WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH
6 WILL BE THE ORDER. TO BE PLACED ON THE FOLLOWING BOARD
7 MEETING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. CONTINUING WITH
10 OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, GIVEN THE SPECIAL SET
11 AT 11. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
12 OF ANNETTE KAUFMAN WHO DIED ON JANUARY 25TH IN A HOUSE THAT
13 WAS DESIGNED FOR HER AND HER HUSBAND BY FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT.
14 HER HUSBAND, LOUIS KAUFMAN, PLAYED PRINCIPAL VIOLIN IN MORE
15 THAN 500 FILMS, INCLUDING "CASABLANCA" AND "THE AFRICAN
16 QUEEN." SHE CO-AUTHORED HER HUSBAND'S MEMOIR AND SERVED AS HIS
17 ACCOMPANIST IN CONCERTS AND RECITALS. TOGETHER THEY SUPPORTED
18 STRUGGLING ARTISTS. THEY WERE THE FIRST COLLECTORS OF MILTON
19 AVERY. THEY DONATED A LARGE COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PAPERS TO
20 THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IN 2000, WHICH INCLUDED PAPERS FROM
21 LEONARD BERNSTEIN, JASCHA HEIFETZ, AND OTHERS AND A LARGE ART
22 COLLECTION TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART AND SYRACUSE
23 UNIVERSITY. SHE WAS AWARDED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE OF MUSIC IN
24 1985 BY OBERLIN COLLEGE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY
25 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JAMES LEAVY, RETIRED NEWSMAN, DIED

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1 AT HIS CULVER CITY HOME ON JANUARY 28. SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE
2 FROM '46 TO '49, FORGED A NOTABLE AND AWARDED CAREER IN
3 JOURNALISM. HE WAS EDITOR OF THE "LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL,"
4 EDITOR AT THE "LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM," MOVED TO THE ORANGE
5 COUNTY SECTION OF THE L.A. TIMES, AND FINALLY EDITED THE L.A.
6 TIMES WESTSIDE SECTION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BARBARA
7 BAIRD. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF SISTER JUNE WILKERSON, WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER 24TH.
9 SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE START-UP AND DEVELOPMENT OF
10 SEVERAL OF PROVIDENCE-HOLY CROSS' MEDICAL CENTER'S OUTREACH
11 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE PARISH NURSE PARTNERSHIP, THE LATINO
12 HEALTH PROMOTER PROGRAM, AND HER PERSONAL INITIATIVE, THE
13 TATTOO REMOVAL CLINIC FOR GANG MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO WERE
14 SEEKING TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES. IT WAS THE VALLEY'S FIRST FREE
15 TATTOO REMOVAL CLINIC, AND SHE RECRUITED DOCTORS AND NURSES
16 WHO VOLUNTEERED EVERY SATURDAY TO PERFORM TATTOO REMOVAL. WITH
17 THE HELP OF DONATIONS AND MONEY FROM THE HOSPITAL, THE CLINIC
18 BECAME WIDELY KNOWN. THE PROVIDENCE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
19 HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WILL BE NAMED AFTER HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HER BROTHER JACK AND HER DOMINICAN SISTERS, WITH WHOM SHE
21 SHARED LIFE FOR 67 YEARS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
22 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. PAUL TERASAKI, WHO DIED AT
23 THE AGE OF 86. WAS A TRANSPLANT PIONEER, PROFESSOR OF SURGERY
24 AT U.C.L.A., AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 25TH. IN 1964, HE
25 INTRODUCED A TEST THAT WAS ADOPTED AS THE INTERNATIONAL

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1 STANDARD FOR GENETICALLY REMATCHING TRANSPLANT PATIENTS AND
2 RECIPIENTS. IN 1969 HE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED THE U.C.L.A.
3 TISSUE TYPING LABORATORY AND DIRECTED THE LAB UNTIL HIS
4 RETIREMENT AND THEN FOUNDED THE TERASAKI FOUNDATION, A MEDICAL
5 RESEARCH CENTER. HE RECEIVED A LOT OF AWARDS, INCLUDING THE
6 PRESTIGIOUS MEDAWAR PRIZE. MOST INTERESTINGLY, I THINK, HIS
7 FAMILY WAS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II, AND HE WAS COMMITTED
8 TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THE UNITED
9 STATES, CONTRIBUTED TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM
10 IN LOS ANGELES, THE MEMORIAL TO JAPANESE AMERICAN PATRIOTISM
11 IN WORLD WAR II IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ALSO ESTABLISHED THE
12 PAUL AND HISAKO TERASAKI CENTER FOR JAPANESE STUDIES AT THE
13 U.C.L.A. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE. HIS GIFTS ALSO LED TO THE
14 CREATION OF THE TERASAKI LIFE- SCIENCE BUILDING AND THE PAUL
15 TERASAKI CHAIR IN SURGERY AT THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF
16 MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HISAKO, AND
17 HIS FOUR CHILDREN: MARK, KEITH, TAIJI AND EMIKO. AND FINALLY,
18 MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF ZIGMUND TEBA, WHO PASSED AWAY IN TARZANA. ZIGGY WAS
20 BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VET WHO SERVED
21 UNDER GENERAL MONTGOMERY IN THE BRITISH ARMY. HE LOST HIS
22 FAMILY IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN EUROPE, CAME TO AMERICA
23 TO MAKE A NEW LIFE, OPENED GLASNER AND TEBA JEWELERS, AND
24 BECAME A JEWELER TO THE STARS WITH HIS SHOP ON RODEO DRIVE.
25 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON HOWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I
6 HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MEMORIES. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF ROBERTO "BOB" THOME, BELOVED FATHER OF MY
8 LONGTIME FRIEND AND RANCHO LOS AMIGOS ARTIST, ROBERT THOME.
9 PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST. SURVIVED
10 BY HIS SON ROBERT, A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW KATHY. HE WILL BE DEEPLY
11 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. WE'D LIKE TO SEND
12 OUR CONDOLENCES TO ROBERT AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
13 IN MEMORY AND WOULD ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME IN THE MEMORY
14 OF RUTH EDITH HEIT, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 92.
15 SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF KAREN HEIT, THE TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY TO
16 THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. SHE WAS A VERY
17 SPECIAL LADY. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SIX-TRIPLE EIGHT, 6888
18 CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION OF WORLD WAR II, WHICH WAS
19 THE ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE BATTALION TO SERVE OVERSEAS
20 IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE WAS ALWAYS INDEPENDENT AND
21 SPIRITED. SHE WAS A TRAILBLAZER AND A ROLE MODEL. SHE WILL BE
22 GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND BY ALL WHO KNEW
23 HER. AND WE SEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO KAREN AND THE
24 FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM RUDOMETKIN, A
25 LONGTIME DOWNEY REALTOR WHO PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY AT THE AGE

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1 OF 59 AS A RESULT OF A HOME-INVASION ROBBERY. HE WAS VERY WELL
2 KNOWN IN BOTH THE COMMUNITY OF DOWNEY AND WHITTIER, AND HIS
3 MANY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COWORKERS WERE STUNNED BY THE NEWS OF
4 THE MURDER. JIM WORKED AT COLDWELL BANKER ALLIANCE REALTY FOR
5 SOME 28 YEARS. HE HAD A SOLID WORK ETHIC AND WAS KNOWN FOR
6 BEING HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY. HE WAS A GENUINE HARD-WORKING
7 AND POPULAR REALTOR IN BOTH WHITTIER AND DOWNEY AND HELPED
8 MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OVER THE YEARS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS
9 OF OWNING A HOME. HE WAS ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AND LIVED WITH
10 THEIR PARENTS UNTIL THEIR PASSING ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. JIM
11 WILL BE MISSED BY THE MANY PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED
12 THROUGH HIS GENEROSITY, KINDNESS AND LOVE OF LIFE. ALSO THAT
13 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB CAMERON, THE LONGTIME RESIDENT AND
14 DEAR FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE
15 GRADUATED FROM LAKEWOOD HIGH AND THEN JOINED THE MARINE CORPS.
16 HE BEGAN WORKING AT GTE IN 1964 AND RETIRED AFTER 29 YEARS OF
17 SERVICE. HE AND HIS WIFE, JOANNE, WERE MARRIED IN '65,
18 RELOCATED TO CERRITOS IN '75. HE COACHED AND MANAGED AND VERY
19 ACTIVE IN FRONTIER LITTLE LEAGUE. HE ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE
20 CITY OF CERRITOS BASKETBALL. LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE CERRITOS
21 OPTIMIST CLUB AND CHAIRED THE ESSAY CONTEST FOR MANY YEARS.
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOANN, TWO CHILDREN, KIMBERLY AND JON,
23 GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER SAMANTHA. HE WILL BE
24 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO OBJECTION -- OH, YOU HAVE ONE
2 MORE? I'M SORRY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** AND FINALLY TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARY ALICE
5 QUENTIN, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, WHO
6 PASSED AWAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH AFTER A HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE
7 WITH CANCER. SHE WAS A 30-YEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
8 WORKED IN DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION AS WELL AS PUBLIC SOCIAL
9 SERVICES. AFTER RETIRING, SHE RETURNED AS A 120-DAY RETIREE TO
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR SIX YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED
11 BY HER DAUGHTER SYDNEY, EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND
13 MANY COLLEAGUES. SO WITH THAT, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
14 MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A GOOD FRIEND WHO HAD WORKED MANY YEARS WITH
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WORKED IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICE, HUMAN RESOURCES, COUNTY COUNSEL, ALTERNATIVE DEFENSE,
22 PUBLIC DEFENDER, INTERNAL SERVICES, ALWAYS A BIG SMILE, AND
23 THAT WAS FRANK WORK WHO HAD PASSED AWAY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
24 DAUGHTER, BUT A GREAT GUY AND A GOOD MAN, AND JUST A GREAT
25 ROLE MODEL. ALSO NELANE OLGA BENTON, LONG TIME LEADER IN THE

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1 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE HAD
2 BEEN AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MANY, MANY TIMES BEING
3 HONORED FOR HER WORK AND WITH THE CAUSES THAT SHE WAS INVOLVED
4 IN. SHE BEGAN AS A PUBLICIST FOR BING CROSBY AND THEN WENT ON
5 TO SERVE AS COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR K.A.B.C. AND
6 K.L.O.S. F.M. AND RADIO DISNEY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
7 DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE WAS A NICE LADY, QUITE
8 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE
9 WORK WITH. MICHAEL HANLON, RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. HE WAS A 35-YEAR EDUCATOR, TEACHING
11 BOTH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND THE COUNTY JAIL. AND HE
12 FOUNDED THE HEALTH CENTER CAREERS ACADEMY IN 1992, WHICH WAS
13 CONNECTING HIGH-SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD
14 OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 38
15 YEARS, SANDY, AND THEIR CHILDREN, KIMBERLY, DWAYNE AND AMY.
16 KATHRYN VALENTINO, A 37-YEAR RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76, DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER.
18 HARRY EBERLING, 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT
19 THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN,
20 WHERE HE SERVED 22 YEARS WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY. AFTER
21 RETIRING, HE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND
22 RECREATION FOR 21 YEARS, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
23 CHILDREN. ALLEN SHIRK OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, SERVED IN THE UNITED
24 STATES MARINE CORPS. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 36 YEARS, AND HE IS

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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, 10
2 GRANDCHILDREN. AND DEPUTY THELMA HICKS PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
3 19TH. SHE WAS WITH THE TECHNICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION UNIT.
4 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND THEN I HAVE A READ-IN. "ON
5 JANUARY 30TH AT APPROXIMATELY 12:55 P.M., A 37-YEAR-OLD
6 INMATE, STEVEN LAWRENCE WRIGHT, WAS ERRONEOUSLY RELEASED FROM
7 THE SHERIFF'S INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. INMATE WRIGHT WAS
8 ARRESTED BY PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 7, 2011 FOR A
9 GANG-RELATED MURDER THAT OCCURRED IN THE CITY OF PASADENA ON
10 JANUARY 19, 2011. HE WAS IN JAIL PENDING TRIAL. THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PASADENA POLICE
12 DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING
13 STEVEN LAWRENCE WRIGHT. HE WAS RELEASED BY AN ERROR BY THE
14 COURT CLERK. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD WILL OFFER
15 A \$20,000 REWARD IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ARREST AND/OR CONVICTION
16 OF INMATE STEVEN LAWRENCE WRIGHT, A SUSPECT FOR A HEINOUS
17 GANG- RELATED MURDER THAT OCCURRED IN THE CITY OF PASADENA ON
18 JANUARY 19, 2011 AND WAS ERRONEOUSLY RELEASED FROM THE
19 SHERIFF'S INMATE RECEPTION CENTER BY MISTAKE FROM THE COURT
20 CLERK ON JANUARY 30TH.

21
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. ARE THERE ANY
23 OBJECTION? HEARING NONE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR ON ITEM
2 32-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT HE RELEASE HIS HOLD, BUT
3 WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CAN CALL UP DANIEL GOTTLIEB
6 AND ERIC PREVEN.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
9 DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE, NOT AGAIN. THIS IS LIKE
10 NOT THE PLACE TO START TALKING TO THAT DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY
11 AFTER I BEGIN. WE HAVE BOARD RULES ABOUT CONDUCT. I'D LIKE
12 ADDED "SUPERVISORS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC."

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. SHE'S SPEAKING TO A DEPUTY
17 DURING THIS EVENT.

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ON TOPIC. OKAY, FINE, YEAH, FAIR ENOUGH.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE FIRST AMENDMENT
2 REQUIRES THAT YOU BE ABLE TO SPEAK, NOT THAT WE ARE FORCED TO
3 LISTEN.

4
5 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I WILL LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC
6 PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE SUPERVISOR IS IN A
7 CONFERENCE. THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION IS AN IMPORTANT
8 PIECE OF OUR BUSINESS HERE. THIS IS A GROUP THAT ARE APPOINTED
9 BY THE GOVERNOR AND OTHERS. I EVEN THINK SOME SUPERVISORS WIND
10 UP SERVING. MR. KINZIE, STEVEN KINZIE IS THE GUY FROM MARIN
11 COUNTY, SERVES. HE'S SORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT GROUP. AND
12 THEY'RE TASKED OBVIOUSLY WITH ENFORCING THE COASTAL ACT, WHICH
13 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. THEY HAVE TAKEN THEIR EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, WHO'S A GUY, AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED CHARLES
15 LESTER, DR. CHARLES LESTER, WHO IS A VERY GOOD, LONGTIME,
16 ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE GUY, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO FIRE HIM,
17 FRANKLY. AND HE'S HAVING A HEARING UP IN MORRO BAY AND MR.
18 KINZIE HAS NOT ALLOWED PEOPLE TO COME UP, YOU CAN COME UP AND
19 DO IT, BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT BY TELECONFERENCE, UNFORTUNATELY,
20 DESPITE THE ROBUST BUDGET THAT GROUP HAS. I HAVE A LITTLE
21 EXPERIENCE WITH THE GUY. I THINK HE SHOULD HAVE DUE PROCESS.
22 HE DID A JOB ON THE BOAT CENTRAL PROJECT, WHICH YOU'RE GOING
23 TO BE FACING AGAIN AT SOME POINT, WHICH IS A PROJECT TO PUT A
24 350-FOOT SLIP -- I MEAN, 350 SLIPS OF AUTOMATED BOAT STORAGE.
25 AND THE WAY HE PRESENTED IT WITH SOME ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE

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1 WAS AN EXISTING OUTFIT, WE LOOKED INTO IT. THERE ISN'T. I
2 ASKED THEM, HIS TEAM, AND THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO BE
3 CLEAR ABOUT A PROJECT THAT THE COMMISSION, WHO ARE ALL GUILTY
4 AS CHARGED, BECAUSE THESE GUYS VOTED ON BAD INFORMATION, AND
5 YET THE BAD INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM BY
6 THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME'S EXPIRED.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** SO, YOU MAY NEED TWO FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTERS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS.

13

14 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I'M PROFESSOR DANIEL GOTTLIEB, AND I WANT TO
15 SPEAK ABOUT ITEM 32-A, WHICH IS SHEILA KUEHL'S RECOMMENDATION
16 THAT YOU ALL SIGN A LETTER TO SUPPORT THIS CHARLES LESTER,
17 WHO'S ON THE VERGE OF BEING REMOVED BY THE STAFF -- BY THE
18 COMMISSIONERS. I AND THE PEOPLE, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, ARE VERY
19 WORRIED ABOUT THIS. I ONCE WENT TO A COASTAL COMMISSION
20 MEETING WHERE THERE WAS A WHOLE HOUR OF DISCUSSION OF EX PARTE
21 RULES. OVER AND OVER AGAIN IT WENT DOWN, OVER AND OVER. AND
22 THE MAIN RESULT WAS THAT THEY WERE BLOCKING OFF THE PUBLIC
23 FROM COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. THEY TRIED TO MAKE
24 IT SOUND LIKE IT ALSO WORKED FOR THE CONSULTANTS THAT SCHMOOZE
25 WITH THE STAFF. BUT YOU CAN SEE THE CONSULTANTS RUSHING UP

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1 BEFORE DIFFERENT ITEMS WERE BEING DISCUSSED AND TALKING TO THE
2 COMMISSIONERS RIGHT AT MIC THERE, WHEREAS THE ORDINARY PERSON
3 WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A RESERVATION, COULD BARELY GET ANY WRITING
4 TO THESE PEOPLE. SO IT'S A VERY ONE-SIDED DEAL THAT'S GOING ON
5 NOW IN THE COASTAL COMMISSION. AND STEVE LOPEZ, WHO WROTE A
6 VERY SERIES OF ARTICLES IN THE TIMES, GAVE A VERY GOOD
7 EXPLANATION ON HOW THE DEVELOPERS ARE TAKING OVER THE COASTAL
8 COMMISSION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR, ON THIS
11 ITEM.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS ITEM, 32-A IS
14 BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SOLIS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
18 ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON NOW TO SPECIAL
19 ORDER OF BUSINESS, P-1 AND 4 ON DISCUSSION ON OVERSIGHT AND
20 MONITORING OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND AGAIN, THIS RELATES TO
21 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AS YOU KNOW, THERE
24 ARE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO WISH TO SPEAK TO THIS. WE'VE
25 ASKED FOR SOME TO BE SET EARLY ON TO SET THE THEME. BUT I

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1 WANTED TO OPEN VERY BRIEFLY BY INDICATING HOW PROUD I AM TO
2 BRING THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I THINK IT
3 CONTINUES A TREND, A COMMITMENT THAT THE FIVE OF US ARE MAKING
4 IN THIS COUNTY TO TRANSPARENCY, TO OVERSIGHT, TO GIVING
5 STRENGTH, TO THE ABILITY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON IN
6 OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY IN THOSE THAT HAVE
7 CUSTODY RESPONSIBILITIES, BECAUSE WHETHER THEY'RE ADULTS OR
8 JUVENILES IN CUSTODY, IT'S A VERY VULNERABLE POSITION AND A
9 LOT OF POWER. SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I ARE BRINGING
10 THIS MOTION TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP, BECAUSE PERSONALLY I
11 THINK IT WORKED VERY WELL IN DESIGNING THE OVERSIGHT
12 COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO START OUT WITH A
13 GROUP THINKING ABOUT THE ENTIRE AREA AND WHAT MIGHT BE THE
14 STRONGEST, MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO OVERSIGHT. PROBATION IS A
15 LITTLE DIFFERENT, OF COURSE, BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH AN ENTIRE
16 JUVENILE POPULATION AS WELL AS PROBATIONERS IN THE ADULT
17 POPULATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN SORT OF A CHAOTIC
18 BLEND OF OVERSIGHT IN A WAY. SOME VERY, VERY GOOD COMMISSIONS,
19 BOARDS, INTERNAL CHECKS, EXTERNAL CHECKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 JUSTICE WAS HERE. AND NOW THEY ARE NOT HERE, BUT THEY'VE LEFT
21 US WITH REQUESTS THAT WE CONTINUE MONITORING. IT SEEMED VERY
22 DISPARATE TO ME. SO WE'RE ASKING THE WORKGROUP TO LOOK AT ALL
23 THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH PROBATION IS BEING OVERSEEN AND
24 THEN TO RECOMMEND WHICH OF THOSE MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED, WHICH
25 MIGHT BE KEPT, OR IF, IN ADDITION, WE MIGHT ESTABLISH A MORE

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1 EMPOWERED, MORE BROADLY SET OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF SOME KIND
2 AND THEN TO COME BACK AND REPORT TO THE BOARD. WE HAVE
3 JUVENILES IN CUSTODY, BUT WE ALSO HAVE JUVENILES NOT IN
4 CUSTODY WITH WHOM PROBATION DEALS. WITH A.B.109, WITH PROP 47,
5 A LOT GOING ON IN THE ADULT POPULATION, PROBATION HAS BEEN
6 GIVEN A LOT MORE DUTIES. SO I HOPE THAT IT WILL BECOME CLEAR
7 WITH THE TESTIMONY HOW MUCH WE REALLY CAN BENEFIT FROM A NEW
8 DESIGN FROM THE WORKGROUP. AND, FINALLY, LET ME SAY, AS WE
9 KNOW, WE'RE IN TRANSITION LOOKING FOR A NEW CHIEF PROBATION
10 OFFICER. AND IT'S BEEN THE CASE QUITE OFTEN IN THE COUNTY THAT
11 WE'VE HAD TO DO THAT. SO THAT HAS CREATED, IN A WAY, A KIND OF
12 WHIPLASH IN THE DEPARTMENT. BUT IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
13 SAY TO A NEW CHIEF: WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COLLABORATION WITH
14 THIS. JUST AS SHERIFF MCDONNELL WHEN HE WAS RUNNING SAID HE
15 WELCOMED AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW
16 CHIEF WHO MIGHT SAY: THIS IS A REALLY GOOD IDEA. LET US HAVE
17 STRONG OVERSIGHT AND STRONG INVESTIGATIVE POWERS, AS WELL. SO
18 HOPEFULLY THAT WILL BE THE CASE. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE CO-
19 AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS
24 OF THE BOARD, AND TO MY COLLEAGUE, SHEILA KUEHL, WHO IS THE
25 PRINCIPAL AUTHOR HERE. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE ATTENTION THAT

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1 HAS BEING PAID FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION ANEW. YOU MIGHT
2 CALL THIS SPOTLIGHT ON PROBATION, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I EXPECT
3 THAT YOU WILL SEE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. I THINK IT'S
4 FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU'VE SEEN THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, A SPOTLIGHT ON THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT, A SPOTLIGHT ON RESPECTIVE HEALTH AGENCIES, NOW A
7 SPOTLIGHT ON PROBATION. IN EACH INSTANCE, I THINK IT IS QUITE
8 CLEAR THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. SUCH WILL BE THE CASE IN
9 THIS CASE. THIS IS A TIME FOR INCREASED TRANSPARENCY,
10 ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PROBATION. SINCE JOINING THIS BOARD IN 2008, IT'S BEEN A
12 CONCERN OF MINE, AND EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT I FELT THAT THE
13 ONLY SOLUTION OF CONSEQUENCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CONSENT DECREE,
14 IT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD THAT I SOUGHT THAT. IT WAS NOT
15 EMBRACED BY THE BOARD AT THE TIME. BUT I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
16 PURSUANT TO A SERIES OF AUDITS, A TOTAL OF 8-PLUS OVER THE
17 LAST 18 MONTHS, IT HAS MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT WE
18 HAVE SOME SYSTEMIC ISSUES TO ADDRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. I'M QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE ARE THOSE
20 WHO CRINGE AT THE ASSERTION OF THESE REMARKS. CRINGE THOUGH
21 THEY MAY, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THIS BODY IS ULTIMATELY
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT DEPARTMENT. AND IT OUGHT
23 TO BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT THIS IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
24 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. IF WE CLAIM TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT
25 YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUTH AT RISK, WHO HAVE FOR

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1 WHATEVER REASON LOST THEIR STEP AND FIND THEMSELVES AS
2 DEPENDENTS AND IN SOME INSTANCES AS WARDS, WE HAVE AN
3 OBLIGATION TO GO TO THE FUNDAMENTAL MISSION THAT IS BEFORE US.
4 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE MISSION IS TO CARE
5 FOR THOSE WHO ARE MEDICALLY INDIGENT. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PROBATION, THE FUNDAMENTAL MISSION IS ESSENTIALLY TO ENGAGE IN
7 REHABILITATION OF THE YOUNGSTERS AND, FOR THAT MATTER, THE
8 ADULTS WHO ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OR SUPERVISION OF
9 PROBATION. IT IS ALMOST AS IF THE LANGUAGE OF REHABILITATION
10 IS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, IN MANY RESPECTS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
11 US RETURN TO THAT FUNDAMENTAL MISSION AND MANDATE. THAT'S WHEN
12 WE WILL BE AUTHENTICALLY PURSUING THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION
13 FOR THOSE IN THIS DEPARTMENT. I THINK THERE'S AN UPSIDE TO
14 WHAT WE ARE PURSUING HERE FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK IN
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. SO OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE A
16 HOLISTIC VIEW. THIS IS NOT TO BE VIEWED AS AN ASSAULT. IT IS
17 NOT TO BE VIEWED AS AN ATTACK. IT IS TO BE VIEWED AS A PURSUIT
18 OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO RECLAIM THE FUNDAMENTAL MISSION OF
19 THE HABILITATION. SPOTLIGHT ON PROBATION, MADAME CHAIR, AND
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD. I SUPPORT THE MOTION, AS WELL, TOO, AND I APPRECIATE

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1 YOU ACCEPTING MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I THINK THERE'S SOME
2 THINGS IN PLACE THAT HAVE WORKED WELL, SOME THAT HAVEN'T. I
3 THINK THE FACT THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING ON
4 THE TABLE, THE ONLY THING IS -- AND I WOULD ASK THE C.E.O.,
5 BUT AS PART OF THIS, WE WERE INVOLVED IN LOOKING AT
6 INDEPENDENT MONITORS AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, THAT THAT COULD
7 BE BROUGHT BACK AS PART OF THIS REPORT, AS WELL, TOO. SO WITH
8 THAT, THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR THE MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SACHI, DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON
11 THAT, THE FACT THAT WE GO AHEAD AND INCLUDE THAT?

12

13 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** ABSOLUTELY. WE WILL INCLUDE THAT IN THE
14 REPORT BACK.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO SAY I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE
19 MOTION, BECAUSE IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO NOT ONLY APPROVE
20 BUT TO STRENGTHEN THE MONITORING OVERSIGHT OF PROBATION BUT
21 ALSO TO CONSOLIDATE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE REDUNDANCIES. THE
22 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, WHO WAS DIRECTED TO MONITOR PROBATION'S
23 COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGREEMENTS IN THE
24 HALLS AND CAMPS, THAT AUDIT WAS IN ADDITION TO OTHER ROUTINE
25 AUDITS DONE BY THE AUDITOR. THE D.O.J. AGREEMENTS HAVE SINCE

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1 BEEN SATISFIED, WHICH MEANS WHO AND HOW THOSE PROVISIONS ARE
2 MONITORING ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE
3 EVALUATED. SO THIS REPORT COMING BACK IN 90 DAYS WILL BE VERY
4 BENEFICIAL IN HOW WE PROCEED.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY
7 SUPPORTIVE OF THESE EFFORTS. I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALL OF OUR STAFF FOR WORKING ON
9 THIS ISSUE. I'M DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE NOW, CAL
10 REMINGTON HERE NOW AT THE HELM, TO HELP US NAVIGATE THIS
11 SYSTEM THAT SOME OF US, AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CAME WITH
12 THE IDEA THAT WE WANTED TO SEE CHANGE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS
13 MOTION AND MOVING FORWARD IS EMBODYING THAT CHANGE. I HAD THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SEVERAL OF OUR CAMPS. SOME LOOKED GOOD,
15 SOME WORKED BETTER, AND SOME NEEDED IMPROVEMENT. AND CERTAINLY
16 WE WANT TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO HELP FACILITATE THE BEST
17 ORGANIZATION AND ESPECIALLY, IN MY OPINION, FOR THOSE YOUNG
18 PEOPLE, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE MOST SUPPORT
19 POSSIBLE SO THAT WE COULD MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD INTEGRATE
20 THEM BACK IN THEIR HOMES, IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THAT
21 THEY BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. SO I'M VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE
22 THIS MOVE FORWARD, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
23 WITH THAT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOME WITNESSES THAT WE'RE GOING
24 TO CALL. CAL REMINGTON, DEPARTMENT PROBATION OFFICER,

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1 DEPARTMENT CHIEF, INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. YOU HAVE
2 THE FLOOR.

3

4 **CAL REMINGTON:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND OUR
5 C.E.O, SACHI HAMAI, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. SO, LET
6 ME SAY QUICKLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU SAID YOU'RE HOPING THE
7 NEW CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER WOULD WELCOME SUCH AN OVERSIGHT
8 COMMITTEE. I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT TODAY, BUT I'VE GOT AN OLD
9 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER HERE WHO SUPPORTS THIS AND WELCOMES
10 THIS. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S COMMENTS ABOUT
11 TRANSPARENCY. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS MAKING A COMMITMENT
12 TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE WILL BECOME MORE
13 TRANSPARENT. AND THIS IS ONE WAY TO DO THAT. THE DEVIL'S
14 ALWAYS IN THE DETAILS, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF OVERSIGHT
15 COMMITTEES. AND SO WE NEED TO WORK OUT SOMETHING WHERE WE
16 DON'T SEE CONFLICTS IN OVERSIGHT WHERE PERHAPS WE CAN HAVE A
17 SYSTEM THAT BRINGS A LOT OF THOSE DIFFERENT DISPARATE ISSUES
18 TOGETHER. SO THE 90-DAY PERIOD TO STUDY THIS ISSUE IS VERY
19 IMPORTANT. THIS IS NEW. WE'VE SURVEYED PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
20 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. ALL HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT, CERTAINLY WITH
21 THE STATE, WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
22 COMMISSIONS. THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE A PROBATION COMMISSION. BUT
23 NO ONE HAS THIS TYPE OF OVERSIGHT FOR PROBATION. SO, WE WILL
24 BE THE FIRST. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS PERIOD OF STUDY.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? NO?

2 OKAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CAL REMINGTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OTHER WITNESSES WE WOULD LIKE
7 TO CALL FORWARD. I HAVE A LIST, PATRICIA SOUNG, DENISE HERZ,
8 ARIEL BUSTAMANTE, CHERYL BONACCI.

9

10 **DENISE HERZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DENISE HERZ. I AM
11 PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR AT THE SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND
12 CRIMINALISTICS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES.
13 AND I HAVE HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE OF BEING INVOLVED IN A LOT OF
14 PROBATION RESEARCH, WHICH I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED FOR THE
15 PURPOSES OF MANY OF THE REASONS THE STATEMENT HAVE SPOKEN TO
16 TODAY, IN TERMS OF IMPROVING PROBATION, GETTING PROBATION TO A
17 POINT WHERE IT CAN FULLY EMBRACE AND IMPLEMENT A
18 REHABILITATIVE IDEAL. SO, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT TODAY. I THINK
19 THAT THIS MOTION DOES ALIGN WITH OTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE
20 FRAGMENTATION AND IMPROVE DECISIONMAKING AND ACTION FROM A
21 SUBSTANTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PROBATION IS ABOUT AND HOW
22 THE DIFFERENT TENTACLES OF PROBATION ALL ARE RELATED AND WORK
23 TOGETHER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. I THINK THE SIZE AND
24 THE SCOPE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN AND OF ITSELF IS VERY
25 DIFFICULT FOR ANY SORT OF AGENCY SUCH AS PROBATION. BUT

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1 ULTIMATELY IT'S POSSIBLE TO HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE AND
2 PRODUCTIVE ORGANIZATION. AND I THINK LOS ANGELES COULD, IN
3 FACT, BE THE MODEL FOR THE UNITED STATES IF IT DOES THESE
4 TYPES OF THINGS. AND SO TRANSPARENCY IS IMPORTANT, BUT ALSO
5 COORDINATED AND WELL-INFORMED EFFORTS. THE PROBLEM WITH
6 FRAGMENTING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ANY PARTICULAR ISSUE WITHIN
7 PROBATION IS THE SIZE AND THE SCOPE AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF
8 KNOWLEDGE AND COORDINATION THAT CAN OCCUR. AND I THINK WHAT
9 THIS MOTION DOES IS REALLY PUTS FORTH A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE
10 AROUND CRITICAL ISSUES THAT ONLY MOVE PROBATION FORWARD. I
11 THINK THIS ALSO ALIGNS WITH THE PROBATION WORKGROUP, WHICH YOU
12 ALL PASSED IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME BASIC
13 IDEA, TO BEGIN TO ALIGN THE VARIOUS EFFORTS IN PROBATION,
14 CONNECT THEM TOGETHER, WEAVE THEM TOGETHER SO THAT PROBATION
15 COULD REALLY REACH ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL. THIS DOES THE SAME
16 THING, JUST WITH A DIFFERENT ASPECT, BUT THOSE ASPECTS ARE
17 VERY MUCH INTERCONNECTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
20 PLEASE.

21
22 **PATRICIA SOUNG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SOUNG. I'M A
23 SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
24 CALIFORNIA, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE NEEDS
25 OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE

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1 SYSTEM. IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
2 HAS BEEN AN EXCITED AND PROUD PARTNER WITH STAKEHOLDERS,
3 INCLUDING THIS BOARD, AND WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF
4 IN EFFORTS TO EVALUATE AND IMAGINE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A
5 LEADER IN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE AND
6 SUCCESSFUL HEALING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
7 COMMUNITIES. MY COLLEAGUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S
8 DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA, ALEX JOHNSON, WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING,
9 SO I WILL FOCUS MY COMMENTS AS A FORMER JUVENILE DEFENSE
10 ATTORNEY WHO SPENT MUCH OF MY TIME TRYING TO COLLABORATE AND
11 COMMUNICATE WITH PROBATION. AT THE HEART OF MY REPRESENTATION
12 OF CHILDREN WAS THE BELIEF THAT CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE, THAT
13 THEIR IDENTITIES ARE IN FORMATION, AND THAT THEY HAVE MANY
14 ASSETS AND STRENGTHS TO DRAW UPON IN GROWING AND CHANGING AND
15 THAT CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE EVEN MORE
16 VULNERABLE AND EXPERIENCE POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION, MENTAL
17 HEALTH ISSUES AND TRAUMA AT DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER RATES
18 AND THAT ADULTS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM EXPERIENCE MANY PROBLEMS
19 THAT LONG EXISTED IN THEIR CHILDHOOD. DURING THEIR SYSTEM
20 INVOLVEMENT, THE ROLE OF PROBATION IN MY YOUNG CLIENTS' LIVES
21 COULD NOT BE UNDERSTATED. IN MANY CASES WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE
22 EXPERIENCE SUCCESS, THEIR SUCCESS WAS OFTEN BEST ACHIEVED
23 WHERE SEVERAL THINGS EXISTED -- ONE, WHERE PROBATION SHARED AN
24 UNDERSTANDING OF YOUTH AND THEIR BACKGROUND, TWO, WHERE I
25 COULD DEVELOP A MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL, OPEN AND RESPONSIVE

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1 COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER AND DEVELOPED
2 COLLABORATIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLES, AND, THREE, WHERE A
3 YOUNG PERSON FELT HEARD, RESPECTED AND SUPPORTED. AND IT'S
4 BECAUSE OF THE CENTRAL ROLE OF PROBATION THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
5 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE NEED MORE OVERSIGHT. WE NEED MORE
6 COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND
7 COMMUNITIES. WE NEED MORE EFFICIENCIES. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 LEADERSHIP, AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **CHERYL BONACCI:** MY NAME IS CHERYL BONACCI, AND I'VE BEEN IN
14 DETENTION MINISTRY WITH THE OFFICE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN
15 THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES FOR 14 YEARS. SO, I COME TO
16 THIS ISSUE FROM THE INSIDE AS A RELIGIOUS SERVICES PROVIDER,
17 AND I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN THINKING ABOUT OUR
18 CHILDREN. AS A CHAPLAIN, I OFTEN THINK THAT WHEN I AM
19 SPEAKING, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN WHO DON'T HAVE A
20 VOICE. I SPENT NINE YEARS IN THE COMPOUND WORKING WITH
21 YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS AND FOUR YEARS AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL.
22 I'VE ESTABLISHED WHAT I FEEL IS A RESPECTFUL WORKING
23 RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES IN
24 ALL AREAS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AT THE BEQUEST OF
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE

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1 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, AND I ALSO WORK
2 COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON S.B.81 CAMPUS
3 PROJECT AND WITH D.J.J. REENTRY TASKFORCE ORGANIZED BY JUDGE
4 ROBERT LEVENTER AND D.A. JIM EVANS AT EASTLAKE JUVENILE HALL.
5 MY HISTORY WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAS CROSSED ALL LEVELS IN
6 ADVOCATING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL MINOR WHO WAS IN NEED OF
7 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND FELT HE WASN'T BEING HEARD BY THE
8 OFFICERS OVERSEEING HIS CARE THROUGH THE VISTO OFFICE
9 ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 600 CATHOLIC VOLUNTEERS
10 WE HAVE WORKING IN OUR PROGRAMS AND THE COLLABORATIVE
11 ORGANIZING EFFORTS I PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. I FEEL WE HAVE A
12 CULTURAL AND SOCIETAL DISCORD BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR
13 LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT BEARS RECOGNITION. THIS TRANSITION IN THE
14 PROBATION DEPARTMENT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A
15 MORE HOLISTIC, INCLUSIVE MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES FACING
16 OUR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO FIND THEMSELVES CONNECTED TO THE
17 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ORGANIZING A WELL-THOUGHT-OUT,
18 COMPREHENSIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD HELP CREATE A PATHWAY
19 FOR THE VOICES OF THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE
20 HAD NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD GO A
21 LONG WAY IN CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
22 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES. I FIRMLY
23 BELIEVE THAT WE ALL BENEFIT WHEN WE DECIDE TO WORK TOGETHER
24 INSTEAD OF IN SILOS. IN MY OPINION, A COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT
25 GROUP THAT WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,

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1 COULD BE A CRITICAL AGENT FOR THE CULTURAL SHIFT THAT'S
2 NEEDED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL
5 UP OTHER WITNESSES, AS WELL. ALEX JOHNSON, TANISHA DENARD, AND
6 DIANA ZUNIGA. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **ARIEL BUSTAMANTE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. MY NAME IS ARIEL BUSTAMANTE, AND I'M AN EDUCATION
10 JUSTICE ADVOCATE WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE
11 ARE APPRECIATIVE OF SUPERVISORS' KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
12 ISSUE OF THIS ISSUE AND ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO
13 EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT PROBATION
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT PROVIDES FOR COMPREHENSIVE AND
15 SEAMLESS OVERSIGHT WITH APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO INFORMATION
16 NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT. THIS MOTION NOT ONLY
17 PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASED TRANSPARENCY, TRUST
18 BUILDING AND RESPONSIVENESS, BUT ALSO FOR A CULTURAL AND
19 INSTITUTIONAL SHIFT WE SEE AS A CRITICAL PIECE TO IMPROVING
20 THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE
21 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES NOT ONLY WITHIN THE SYSTEM BUT
22 ALSO IN THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES SYSTEM OF ALL PEOPLE
23 RETURN TO. ADEQUATE OVERSIGHT WITH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WILL
24 HELP ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS A BODY PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON
25 REHABILITATION AND REENTRY RATHER THAN A TRADITION OF LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT AND FURTHER CRIMINALIZATION, TACTICS WE SEE AS
2 CONTRARY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MOTTO OF REBUILDING LIVES.
3 ANOTHER CRITICAL PIECE IS TO ENSURE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN
4 THE RECRUITMENT, CANDIDATE REVIEW AND SELECTION OF THE NEW
5 CHIEF, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRIORITIZATION
6 OF FUTURE VISION AND WORK OF THE PROBATION CHIEF IN ORDER TO
7 MAKE PROBATION OVERSIGHT REAL. WE MUST BEGIN TO HOLD L.A.
8 COUNTY PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS, AND
9 THAT INCLUDES THE RIGHT CHIEF, ONE WHO IS WILLING TO TEST THE
10 CURRENT STATUS QUO IN THE INTEREST OF THE SYSTEM INVOLVED
11 PEOPLE THEY SERVE FIRST. THE LONG-STANDING CHALLENGES THE
12 DEPARTMENT HAS FACED ALL POINT TO THE NEED FOR SHIFTS IN THE
13 FORM OF OVERSIGHT AS WELL AS INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP. THE MOTION
14 IS THE FIRST STEP IN REFLECTING A WILLINGNESS TO EXAMINE
15 CURRENT PRACTICES, AND FOR THAT WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE.
16 UNTIL THE CULTURE AND QUALITY OF THE DEPARTMENT CHANGES, OUR
17 COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO MISS CHANCES TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE
18 ENTRUSTED TO ITS CARE. EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT CAN HELP REMEDY
19 CRISES WHEN THEY OCCUR, BUT THE PREVENTION OF SYSTEMIC
20 FAILURES, FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY OVERSIGHT
21 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND FUTURE EXCELLENCE IN STAFFING,
22 PROGRAMMING, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT
23 CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE RIGHT PERSON IN CHARGE. WE KNOW
24 THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO BETTER, AND WE URGE YOU TO DO BETTER.
25 THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE
6 DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND OF CALIFORNIA. LET ME
7 FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MARK
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. IN THE
9 LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA HAS
10 PARTNERED WITH STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE BOARD AND OTHER
11 ALLIES, PROBATION DEPARTMENT INCLUDED, IN PURSUING
12 ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHIFTING FROM A PUNITIVE SYSTEM TO ONE
13 FOCUSED ON THE REHABILITATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN
14 PROBATION'S CARE. I WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR ITS
15 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN PURSUING REFORM. THIS MOTION IS BOLD
16 AND TIMELY IN ADDRESSING THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT ARE BARRIERS
17 TO REFORM. THERE ARE THREE REASONS THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IN
18 TERMS OF WHY THIS MOTION IS NEEDED. NUMBER 1, THERE'S A
19 CLIMATE SHIFT, A NATIONAL CLIMATE SHIFT AND A STATEWIDE
20 CLIMATE SHIFT IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM
21 AREA. AT THE LOCAL LEVEL HERE IN LOS ANGELES, POLITICAL
22 LEADERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ADVOCATES, RESEARCHERS,
23 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ALREADY
24 HAVE DEMONSTRATED CARE AND COMMITMENT TO COMING TOGETHER FOR
25 REFORM. PROP 47 IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE. IN THE LAST WEEK ALONE AT

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1 THE STATE WHICHWIDE AND NATIONAL LEVEL WE SAW BOLD INITIATIVES
2 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE UNITED
3 STATES SUPREME COURT. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S A REAL SENSE
4 OF URGENCY AND ALARM HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE RECENT DEPARTURE
5 OF THE FIFTH CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IN 10 YEARS AND A
6 PROBATION AUDIT REVEALING TROUBLE AND EXPENDITURES AND AN
7 ACCUMULATION OF OVER 160 MILLION OF UNSPENT FUNDING EARMARKED
8 FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND OTHER NEEDS, THERE'S A REAL
9 NEED FOR SYSTEMIC REFORM. AND FINALLY, THERE IS REAL
10 INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOS ANGELES TO IMPROVE AND BUILD FROM. IT IS
11 BOTH ENCOURAGING THAT THE NUMBER OF ENTITIES THAT HAVE SOME
12 HAND AND INTEREST IN PROBATION REVIEW OR OVERSIGHT HAS GROWN.
13 AND THAT GROWTH ALSO REPRESENTS POTENTIAL DUPLICATION AND
14 WASTE. IN THE MOTION, THE SUPERVISORS HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE
15 LANDSCAPE CALLS FOR MORE COHESION AND COLLABORATION. AND THEN
16 FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO COMMUNICATE TWO HOPES THAT I HAVE FOR
17 THIS WORKING GROUP THAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER -- MEANINGFULLY
18 INCLUDE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED AND FOR ANY PROBATION
19 MECHANISM OVERSIGHT TO WORK, NEW LEADERSHIP WILL BE CRITICAL
20 AND THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE PROBATION CHIEF WITH A
21 VISION AND ABILITY TO LEAD AND TRANSFORM A DEPARTMENT IS
22 RELATIVE TO AND SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO THIS EVALUATION
23 PROCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.
24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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2 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA DENARD FROM
3 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO MENTION THAT WE'RE IN
4 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
5 COMMUNITY. MY NAME IS TANISHA DENARD. I'M A HIGH SCHOOL
6 GRADUATE AND ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I AM
7 HERE TO URGE YOU TO PASS THE MOTION FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TO ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUTH WHO HAVE
9 BEEN LOCKED UP ARE EQUALLY INVOLVED IN THAT OVERSIGHT,
10 INCLUDING MAKING SURE WE HAVE A ROLE IN RECRUITMENT, SELECTION
11 AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER THE NEXT CHIEF. I WAS ARRESTED IN HIGH
12 SCHOOL FOR A FIGHT AND PUT ON PROBATION. WHENEVER I WAS LATE
13 TO SCHOOL, THE POLICE WOULD BE SURROUNDING OUR CAMPUS GIVING
14 OUT TRUANCY TICKETS. AFTER A FEW TIMES GETTING TICKETED, MY
15 PROBATION WAS VIOLATED. I WAS SENT TO LOS VIRGENES JUVENILE
16 HALL, AND FROM THE MOMENT I ENTERED THE GATE OF THE JUVENILE
17 HALL, I FELT ANXIOUS AND HOPELESS. I REMEMBER THE SOUND AND
18 SIGHT OF THE BIG, BULKY, METAL WIRE GATE OPENING UP AND
19 SHUTTING BEHIND ME. I TOOK SHOWERS WITH STAFF WATCHING FROM
20 BEGINNING TO END, AND THERE WAS NO CURTAIN ON THE WINDOW, SO I
21 COULD SEE MALE SCOUTS COME AROUND DURING SHOWERS FOR THE WHOLE
22 TIME I WAS LOCKED UP. FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS, I WAS VERY
23 DISTANT. I WOULDN'T EAT OR GO TO THE DAY ROOM, WHICH IS A
24 LARGE ROOM WHERE WE WOULD SIT WITH THE OTHER GIRLS. I FELT
25 UNSURE AND UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO COUNSEL ME,

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1 THE PROBATION STAFF JUST STOPPED TALKING TO ME. THEY EVEN
2 STOPPED ASKING IF I WANTED FOOD OR DAY ROOM TIME. EVEN THOUGH
3 I WASN'T ON LOCKDOWN, I FELT LIKE I WAS IN SOLITARY
4 CONFINEMENT ALREADY. I GUESS THE STAFF THOUGHT I WAS
5 DEPRESSED, SO THEY JUST IGNORED ME. DAY AFTER DAY, I HAD NO
6 CELLMATE, NO DAY ROOM TIME, AND NO HOPE. EVEN FOR PEOPLE WHO
7 WEREN'T ON LOCKDOWN, NIGHTS FOR EVERYONE WERE UNDER LOCKDOWN
8 CONDITIONS. FROM 8 OR 9 P.M. UNTIL 6 A.M., YOU WERE LOCKED
9 INTO A SINGLE-PERSON CELL AND THE ROOMS ARE ABOUT 5 BY 10 FEET
10 WITH A METAL DOOR AND A SMALL, SHATTERPROOF WINDOW THAT YOU
11 COULD SEE OUT INTO A SMALL PART OF THE HALL IF YOU STOOD ON
12 YOUR TIPPYTOES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DOOR, THE WALLS ARE
13 CINDER BLOCK PAINTED WHITE AND SOME SECTIONS OF THE WALLS ARE
14 COVERED IN GANG-RELATED TAGGINGS AND BROWN THINGS THAT LOOK
15 LIKE SMEARED FECES OR BLOOD. AIR CONDITIONING WILL BE ON FULL
16 BLAST, SO I WAS FREEZING ALL NIGHT. AND IF YOU WERE FOUND WITH
17 AN ACTUAL BLANKET, SWEAT SHIRT, YOU WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING
18 CONTRABAND AND PUNISHED. WE HAD NO BOOKS OR WRITING MATERIALS,
19 SO NIGHTS WERE ENDLESS, JUST YOU, YOUR THOUGHTS AND THE
20 SCREAMS OR CRYING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE NEXT TO YOU IN THEIR
21 CELLS. THE SHEETS AND UNDERWEAR WERE OFTEN STAINED WITH URINE,
22 BLOOD AND FECES, AS WELL, BUT PEOPLE HAD TO BEG TO USE THE
23 RESTROOM OR IGNORED OR TOLD TO SHUT UP. AND SOMETIMES WE WERE
24 FORCED TO PEE INTO THE FLOOR OR A TOWEL OR A SHEET. I FELT
25 COMPLETELY UNWANTED AND UNNOTICED. I STARTED TO FEEL TENSE ANY

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1 TIME ANY OF THE GUARDS CAME CLOSE TO ME, PARANOID I HAD DONE
2 SOMETHING WRONG, WHEN IN REALITY, I HAD BEEN BY MYSELF FOR
3 MOST OF THE DAY. IT IS BY FAR THE WORST THING I HAVE EVER
4 EXPERIENCED. THERE WERE ALSO GIRLS IN THE UNIT WHO TRIED TO
5 KILL THEMSELVES OR CUT THEMSELVES. AND THEY WERE ALSO PUT IN A
6 LOCKED CELL. THEY HAD LITTLE OR NO HUMAN CONTACT, EXCEPT WHEN
7 THEY WERE BROUGHT FOOD OR THE NURSE BROUGHT PEOPLE THEIR MEDS.
8 I EVEN KNOW YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HID THEIR MEDS IN THEIR MOUTH SO
9 THEY COULD SAVE THEM UP TO GET A STRONGER HIGH. I BELIEVE THAT
10 CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT MADE IT EASIER FOR THE PROBATION
11 DEPARTMENT TO TREAT EVERYONE IN THE JUVENILE HALL THIS WAY.
12 ONCE YOU GET USED TO LOCKING A YOUNG PERSON UP IN A CAGE, IT
13 BECOMES NORMAL FOR YOU. YOU DON'T NOTICE HOW HARMFUL IT IS,
14 AND THESE CONDITIONS START TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
15 FACILITY. YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EXPECT THAT YOU ARE SAFE
16 AND UNHARMED, BUT IN REALITY, YOU MIGHT BE SAFE FROM OTHER
17 YOUTH, BUT YOU'RE NOT SAFE FROM YOURSELF. BEING LOCKED DOWN
18 MAKES YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE WORTHLESS TO SOCIETY AND YOU START
19 TO THINK ABOUT ANY WAY TO ESCAPE, EVEN IF THIS MEANS SUICIDE.
20 WHEN I GOT HOME, I THOUGHT THAT I HAD CHANGED. MY FAMILY
21 COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EXPERIENCE, AND IT CONSTANTLY MADE ME FEEL
22 LIKE I WAS A BAD PERSON. THAT FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS HAD ONLY
23 INCREASED. I THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUVENILE HALL DESERVE
24 SOMETHING BETTER THAN A 23-HOUR CELL. IF WE NEED TO HEAL OR
25 CALM DOWN, THE BEST THING WOULD BE TO CREATE A NATURE PARK AND

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1 HAVE US WORK OUTSIDE TO GROW FOOD OR TAKE VOCATIONAL
2 TRAININGS, SO THAT WAY WE ARE READY TO START OUR LIFE UPON
3 RELEASE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THESE
4 CONDITIONS GET TO PICK THE NEXT CHIEF, AND IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
5 LOCKED UP IN THESE HALLS OR CAMPS, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE
6 NEED WITHOUT TALKING TO US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, TANISHA. VERY COMPELLING
9 STORY. DIANA ZUNIGA.

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11 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M ONE OF THE
12 STATEWIDE COORDINATORS FOR CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A
13 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE WORK TO CURB PRISON AND JAIL SPENDING,
14 REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE INSIDE, AND REDIRECT THE RESOURCES
15 INTO ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. OVERSIGHT
16 OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS ESSENTIAL IN A MOMENT WHERE WE
17 CONTINUE TO HEAR STORIES LIKE TANISHA JUST SHARED, WHERE WE
18 ARE IN THE BEGINNING OF A SHIFT WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
19 SECTOR, A CULTURE CHANGE THAT ADVOCATES HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR
20 FOR DECADES. PROBATION HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SOLE DEPARTMENTS
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANTING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
22 THAT PROMOTE SOME ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND REENTRY
23 SUPPORT. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH-BASED
24 SERVICES. JUST THIS YEAR, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE
25 PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN IS THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS THAT WE SEE

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1 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT INTERACTING WITH. THIS YEAR WE SAW
2 \$21 MILLION OF J.J.C.P.A. FUNDING AND \$140 MILLION OF A.B.109
3 FUNDING THAT WAS NOT UTILIZED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IN
4 A MOMENT WHEN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY HAS BEEN
5 CREATED, WHEN PROP 47 IMPLEMENTATION IS BEING PRIORITIZED
6 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND A WIDE RANGE OF NEEDS HAVE BEEN
7 DISTINGUISHED FOR THE A.B.109 POPULATION, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO
8 ANALYZE HOW PROBATION IS FISCALLY PRIORITIZING A CLEAR PROCESS
9 FOR ORGANIZATIONS ON THE GROUND TO RECEIVE FUNDING. THIS
10 MOTION FOR PROBATION OVERSIGHT IS A NECESSARY STEP TO ENSURE
11 THAT YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT ARE BEING FUNNELED INTO THE
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT ARE RECEIVING WHAT THEY NEED TO STAY OUT
13 OF LOCKUP AND THRIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS CANNOT BE
14 ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE VOICES OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED. WE SUPPORT
15 THIS MOTION. AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
16 IN THE OVERSIGHT BODY AND IN THE SELECTION OF THE NEXT
17 PROBATION CHIEF IS PRIORITIZED. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE
18 TO BE THE VOICES THAT MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD, AND THANK YOU
19 FOR THIS MOTION TODAY.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME OTHER
22 WITNESSES I'D LIKE TO BRING FORWARD. JIM SCHOENGARTH, HANS
23 LIANG, ANDREA GORDON.

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1 **HANS LIANG:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR AND CHAIR
2 SOLIS. GOOD MORNING TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, RIDLEY-THOMAS,
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AS WELL AS GOOD
4 MORNING TO OUR NEW C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, AND ALL THE STAFF
5 HERE. MY NAME IS HANS LIANG, AND I SERVE AS THE FIRST VICE
6 PRESIDENT FOR A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 685, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY
7 PROBATION OFFICER'S UNION. WE'RE ENTHUSIASTIC THAT THIS MATTER
8 IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE WANT TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR CONDUCTING
9 THE MUCH-NEEDED AUDIT OF OUR DEPARTMENT, FOR TAKING THE
10 FINDING SERIOUSLY, AND FOR MAKING THE TOUGH DECISIONS THAT
11 HAVE LED US HERE TODAY. WE ALSO WANT THE THANK YOU FOR
12 BRINGING CAL REMINGTON BACK TO STABILIZE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT AND FOR GIVING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ALL
14 OF US ONCE AGAIN. TOGETHER, WE'LL RETURN TO HIS VISION OF
15 GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS. IT'S NO SECRET THAT OUR DEPARTMENT
16 HAS BEEN IN CHAOS FOR FAR TOO LONG, CHAOS THAT HAS IMPACTED
17 OUR MISSION AND THE JUVENILES AND ADULTS THAT WE MONITOR AND
18 SUPPORT. IT ALSO IMPACTS ALL OF US, ALL OF THE DEDICATED STAFF
19 WHO PROUDLY CALL OURSELVES COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CHANGE IS NEEDED,
20 AND WE BELIEVE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. THANK YOU. SITTING
21 HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY ARE THREE PEOPLE WITH MORE THAN 100
22 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE IN THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION
23 DEPARTMENT. TOGETHER, WE REPRESENT 4,500 SWORN DEPUTIES. AND
24 ALSO WITH US TODAY, WE ARE REPRESENTED BY THEIR
25 REPRESENTATIVES HERE FROM LOCAL 721 S.E.I.U., WHICH REPRESENT

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1 1,500 CLERICAL AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEES THAT ALSO WORK FOR THE
2 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. TOGETHER, WE SHARE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
3 OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM. AND WE BELIEVE THAT FOR
4 THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE ALL AT THE
5 TABLE, AT THE TABLE TO SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND
6 WISDOM. WE ARE UNITED, ALL OF US, IN OUR RESOLVE TO HELP YOU
7 TO GET THINGS BACK ON TRACK. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

10

11 **JIM SCHOENGARTH:**MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME
12 IS JIM SCHOENGARTH, SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER AND
13 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROBATION SUPERVISORS AND
14 JOINT COUNSEL WITH S.E.I.U. 721. SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, IN YOUR MOTION, YOU HAVE ACCURATELY LAID OUT THE
16 BYZANTINE WEB OF DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS AND BODIES THAT OVERSEE
17 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS COMPLICATED, WE AGREE, AND A
18 HARD LOOK AT ALL OF THEM IS CRUCIAL. AND SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE PROBABLY RIGHT: IT MAY WELL BE EXPENSIVE.
20 WE, TOO, ARE EAGER TO SEE THE COSTS AS IT IS TO OUR TAXPAYERS.
21 IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE PROBATION COMMISSION IS
22 MANDATED BY STATE LAW, AND IT WAS EXPANDED FROM THE ORIGINAL
23 SEVEN MEMBERS TO ITS CURRENT COMPOSITION OF 15 MEMBERS. AS WE,
24 THE STAKEHOLDERS, LOOK AT A NEW WAY FORWARD, IT IS CRITICAL
25 THAT WE EXAMINE THE FUNCTIONALITY AND USEFULNESS OF THE

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1 COMMISSION AND DETERMINE IF ANY CHANGES LOCALLY OR IN STATE
2 LAW ARE NECESSARY. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP THE PROBATION
3 COMMISSION AS IS, REDEFINE THEIR ROLE, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OR
4 CREATE SOMETHING NEW, LET US PLEDGE TO WORK TOGETHER IN
5 PARTNERSHIP TO GET THIS FIXED ONCE AND FOR ALL. THE PUBLIC
6 SAFETY DEPENDS ON IT. LIVES DEPEND ON IT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

9

10 **ANDREA GORDON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE
11 HERE TODAY. I THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON. I RECENTLY
12 RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I
13 STILL SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS THE
14 MANAGERS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT'S A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL
15 1967. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS
16 TO ALL OF US, REHABILITATING JUVENILES AND ADULTS AND
17 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE. IT MUST BE OUR
18 COMMON GOAL. SINCE THE THREE OF US CAME TO THIS DEPARTMENT AS
19 EARLY AS 1974, FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE OLDER, CAN YOU IMAGINE
20 THAT, WE HAVE HAD NO LESS THAN 14 CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP, MOST
21 OF THEM RECENTLY. EVERY TIME THE LEADERSHIP CHANGES, THE
22 DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CHANGES. THAT IS NOT OUR GOAL OR
23 OUR ROLE; IT IS HOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT WORKS. TO
24 DO OUR JOB SUCCESSFULLY, TO REHABILITATE JUVENILES AND ADULTS,
25 AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC, WE NEED A DEFINED DIRECTION AND A

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1 STEADY COURSE. AND WE NEED THE RESOURCES, THE TRAINING AND THE
2 EQUIPMENT TO FULFILL OUR DUTIES AND TO SUCCEED AT OUR MISSION.
3 THIS EFFORT WILL FAIL WITHOUT YOUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT.
4 YOUR VISION IS OUR VISION. LET ME SAY THAT AGAIN, BECAUSE WE
5 DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO MISS IT. YOUR VISION IS OUR VISION. THE
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY THE BIGGEST
7 IN THE WORLD. WE ARE EAGER TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND TO WORK
8 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU TO MAKE IT THE BEST IN THE WORLD.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME OTHER
12 WITNESSES I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD. CAROL BIONDI, DR.
13 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, SHEILA PINKEL, AND MARITZA
14 GALVEZ AND EUNISSES HERNANDEZ.

15

16 **CAROL BIONDI:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
17 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS COURAGEOUS EFFORT,
18 REALLY. MY NAME IS CAROL BIONDI, I AM A COMMISSIONER ON THE
19 L.A. COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND A MEMBER OF THE
20 GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
21 PREVENTION, BUT I DO NOT REPRESENT THEM TODAY. I'M HERE AS A
22 PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND I'M HERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT A PERMANENT
23 AND EMPOWERED COMMISSION TO OVERSEE ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE L.A.
24 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WHEN I JOINED THE COMMISSION 15
25 YEARS AGO AFTER MOVING HERE FROM NEW YORK CITY A FEW YEARS

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1 BEFORE THAT, I WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT OVER 1,000 CHILDREN A
2 YEAR WERE TRANSFERRED FROM FOSTER CARE INTO THE PROBATION
3 SYSTEM, SOMETHING THAT SIMPLY DIDN'T HAPPEN IN NEW YORK CITY.
4 SO I VISITED THE PLACES THAT MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN WENT TO IN
5 BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WAS HORRIFIED TO SEE THAT THE
6 CONDITIONS THAT WERE ALLOWED THEN AND STILL ARE TODAY. I'VE
7 BEEN FIGHTING TO IMPROVE THOSE APPALLING CONDITIONS AND
8 DEVELOP SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR THESE YOUTH BOTH INSIDE THE
9 CAMPS AND HALLS AND OUTSIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES EVER SINCE.
10 ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ADVOCATES, I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO DO
11 THAT IS TO BRING MORE HEARTS, MINDS AND EYES INTO THESE PLACES
12 TO BEAR WITNESS TO WHAT IS AND IS NOT HAPPENING TO AND FOR
13 THESE CHILDREN. AND, YES, THEY ARE CHILDREN. THOSE EYES MUST
14 BE PERMANENT AND THE HEARTS AND MINDS NEED TO CONSTANTLY
15 DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED PLANS. EACH COMMITTEE,
16 COMMISSION AND LAWSUIT ON THAT VERY LONG LIST IN THIS
17 EXCELLENT MOTION HAS CONTRIBUTED SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND
18 REFORMS; BUT WITHOUT CONTINUING OVERSIGHT, THERE'S DRIFT AND
19 SOON IT IS RIGHT BACK TO THE OLD BUSINESS AS USUAL, CONTROL-
20 AND-PUNISH WAY OF THE PAST. D.O.J. BROUGHT IN MORE D.M.H.
21 COUNSELORS, WHICH WAS A VERY GOOD THING, AND REDUCED
22 INCIDENCES OF SERIOUS ABUSE. BUT THE YEARS AND YEARS OF THAT
23 PAPER PROCESS -- OH MY GOSH, REALLY? CAN I CONTINUE -- STOPPED
24 SHORT OF REAL REFORM. THEY WERE RANDOM PARAGRAPHS THAT
25 REQUIRED THINGS LIKE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR ALL STAFF.

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1 BUT THAT NEVER HAPPENED. AND A FUNCTIONING GRIEVANCE PROCESS,
2 WHICH IS CRITICAL TO A JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR
3 KIDS, BUT WAS SATISFIED BY A STACK OF PAPERS SHOWING THAT ALL
4 YOUTH HAD BEEN TAUGHT HOW TO FILL OUT THE FORMS. THE BIGGEST
5 POSITIVE CHANGE IN JUVENILE PROBATION IS THE VERY LARGE DROP
6 IN THE DETAINED POPULATION IN THE LAST 10 TO 12 YEARS FROM
7 4,000 TO 1,100 TODAY AND FROM 30,000 TO SLIGHTLY OVER 6,000 IN
8 THE FIELD. ONE OF THE REASONS IS BECAUSE JUVENILE CRIME IS
9 DOWN. BUT ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT REASON IS BECAUSE THE LAST TIME
10 CAL REMINGTON WAS HERE IN 2010, HE AND JUDGE NASH CHANGED THE
11 POLICY ON RETURNING YOUTHS TO CAMP SIMPLY FOR PROBATION
12 VIOLATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

15

16 **CAROL BIONDI:** OKAY. ISN'T IT THREE MINUTES? I LOOKED UP, AND
17 IT SAID --

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CAROL. THANK YOU. NEXT
20 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHEILA
23 PINKEL, AND I'M WITH C.U.R.B. VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE MOTION
24 THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY. HOWEVER, I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM
25 CONCERNED, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUTH IN THE COUNTY. THERE WAS

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1 A STUDY THAT WAS RECENTLY RELEASED IN THE L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE
2 PROBATION OUTCOME STUDY THAT INDICATED THAT 1 IN 3 L.A. COUNTY
3 YOUTH OFFENDERS IS RE-ARRESTED WITHIN A YEAR, WHICH BRINGS
4 INTO QUESTION THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROBATION FOR THESE YOUNG
5 PEOPLE. IN THAT STUDY, IT SAYS THAT HALF OF THE INCARCERATED
6 CHILDREN COME FROM FAMILIES WHO SURVIVE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.
7 A THIRD COME FROM FAMILIES WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. TWO-THIRDS
8 HAVE PARENTS OR SIBLINGS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR
9 INCARCERATED, AND 1 OUT OF 5 COMES FROM GANG-INVOLVED
10 FAMILIES. THE YOUTH THEMSELVES SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AT
11 AN ALARMING RATE WITH 92 PERCENT RECEIVING SOME KIND OF
12 DIAGNOSIS AND HALF HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. THESE SOUND
13 LIKE SOCIAL PROBLEMS TO ME, NOT PROBLEMS THAT ARE SOLVED BY
14 INCARCERATION. THE CITY OF SEATTLE HAS AGREED WITH THIS IDEA.
15 AND LAST SEPTEMBER, THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO STOP
16 INCARCERATING YOUTH IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE. I WOULD HOPE AND
17 URGE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKES THIS LARGE SEA
18 CHANGE IN LOS ANGELES AND VOTES AND MOVES IN THE FUTURE TO
19 STOP INCARCERATING YOUTH INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FIX A BROKEN
20 SYSTEM. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
25 IT'S GREAT TO HAVE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP HERE TO

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1 SPEAK. 100 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF THE UNION'S REPRESENTATIVES.
2 SINCE 1974, 14 LEADERSHIP CHANGES. HOW MANY SUPERVISORS HAVE
3 WE HAD SINCE 1974? PRETTY MUCH FIVE. I MEAN, THAT'S THE
4 NUMBER, BUT HOW MANY CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?
5 WELL, THERE'S BEEN THREE. BUT THE THREE THAT HAVE BEEN ELECTED
6 AS REPLACEMENT HAVE ALL BEEN INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT. IT'S NOT
7 LIKE SOMEBODY NEW COMING INTO THE SYSTEM. SO WHO HAS OVERSIGHT
8 OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT? THAT WOULD BE THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. OVERSIGHT OF THE UNION REPRESENTATIVES. AND AGAIN
10 HERE'S WHERE THE PROBLEM IS. YOU HAVE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND
11 YOU HAVE THE UNION REPRESENTATION WHO GET INVOLVED WITH THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING NEGOTIATIONS ALLOWING THINGS TO
13 HAPPEN WHICH EXCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. MORE TRANSPARENCY.
14 SO, LET'S READ A FEW ITEMS. THIS IS FROM 10/10/10. CONNIE RICE
15 WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE DECADES IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 OVERSIGHT HAS BEEN INEFFECTIVE, HIRING STANDARDS LAX AND
17 TRAINING INADEQUATE. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS OPERATED
18 FIEFDOMS. COMPETING FOR FUNDING AND VOTES FROM THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS. SPEAKING OF FUNDING, WHAT WAS THE BUDGET IN 2074
20 FOR THE COUNTY OF SUPERVISORS OR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
21 AS A WHOLE, BECAUSE LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WAS \$27 BILLION. SO
22 THERE'S GOT TO BE MONEY AVAILABLE SOMEWHERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
23 SO THAT REALLY SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. AND THE OVERSIGHT
24 COMMITTEE FOR THE SHERIFF WAS STARTED IN 2012. WHAT'S THE
25 STATUS FOR THE SUBPOENA PART OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR

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1 THE SHERIFFS? ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON THAT? IT'S GOING ON
2 2016 AND YOU'RE STILL WORKING ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM, YOU LET OTHER SPEAKERS SPEAK OVERTIME.
7 SO, PLEASE DON'T JUST INTERRUPT ME. YOU LET OTHERS FINISH.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU LET OTHER SPEAKERS FINISH PAST THE TIME
12 LIMIT, MA'AM. THAT'S NOT FAIR. LET'S HEAR FROM COUNTY COUNSEL.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S HEAR FROM THE NEXT WITNESS,
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LET'S HEAR FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. YOU
18 AUTOMATICALLY SET STANDARDS.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. SACHS, THE FIRST SIX SPEAKERS WERE
23 INVITED TO SPEAK AND WERE NOT LIMITED IN TIME.

24

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1 **MARITZA GALVEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS MARITZA GALVEZ. I'M WITH THE
2 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PLACING THIS
4 MOTION ON THE AGENDA. WE BELIEVE THAT OVERSIGHT IS ABSOLUTELY
5 NECESSARY TOWARDS REPAIRING SUCH A BROKEN SYSTEM AS L.A.
6 COUNTY'S PROBATION DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT
7 IN ORDER FOR REAL CHANGE TO HAPPEN, THE COMMUNITY MUST BE A
8 PART OF THE HIRING PROCESS FOR THE NEW CHIEF. WITHOUT
9 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, A CHANGE OF CULTURE WILL NOT OCCUR. AND
10 SIMPLY PUT, THE YOUTH OF L.A. CANNOT AFFORD THAT. SO TODAY
11 WE'RE HERE, APPRECIATIVE OF THE MOTION BUT ALSO REALLY PUSHING
12 TOWARDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR THE HIRING OF A NEW CHIEF.
13 AND WE'RE ALSO HERE TO CHALLENGE HOW PROBATION IS PROPOSING TO
14 UTILIZE J.J.C.P.A FUNDS. FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD, WE'VE HEARD
15 THAT THEY'RE SUGGESTING TO USE THAT MONEY FOR PROBATION
16 OFFICERS TO ACT AS COUNSELORS IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. THIS
17 MONEY WAS SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
18 ORGANIZATIONS. AND THIS RUN-AROUND VIA SCHOOLS IS JUST A
19 COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
20 WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED. AND IT'S A PRIME EXAMPLE
21 OF HOW PROBATION DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO PLAY WITH COMMUNITIES
22 AND HOW THEY COMPLETELY DISREGARD THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THE
23 GROUND. THEY COMPLETELY DISREGARD THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN
24 DOING THE WORK FOR A REALLY LONG TIME. AND THEY COMPLETELY
25 DISREGARD THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, WE REALLY ARE

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1 APPRECIATIVE ONCE AGAIN, BUT PLEASE INVOLVE COMMUNITY IN THE
2 HIRING OF A NEW CHIEF. IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUNG
3 PEOPLE IN L.A.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAD TWO OTHER
6 WITNESSES, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ALSO MISS HERNANDEZ,
7 EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. GENEVIEVE WAIVED. OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS.
10 WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PUTTING THIS ON BOARD. WE
12 REALLY NEED IT. YOU KNOW, WE THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO EVALUATE
13 THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT PROBATION
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT PROVIDES FOR COMPREHENSIVE
15 OVERSIGHT. HOWEVER, WE URGE THE BOARD TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY
16 INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECRUITMENT, CANDIDATE REVIEW AND SELECTION
17 OF THE NEW CHIEF. THE NEW CHIEF WILL INHERIT A BROKEN
18 DEPARTMENT. HE OR SHE SHOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE
19 COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT OUR BROTHERS, SISTERS AND CHILDREN
20 RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE BACK
21 INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS NEW PERSON SHOULD PROMOTE HARM
22 REDUCTION, REHABILITATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE
23 PROGRAMS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS MOTION WILL ESTABLISH
24 OVERSIGHT THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTHS
25 AND ADULTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, THE

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1 BEST OVERSIGHT WILL NOT MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE UNLESS
2 THE COUNTY HIRES THE RIGHT CHIEF. THERE IS A STATEWIDE AND
3 NATIONWIDE SHIFT TOWARD SMARTER JUSTICE THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW
4 WITH A SHIFT TOWARD SMARTER AND MORE HOLISTIC REENTRY. THANK
5 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. AND ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE INCLUDE
6 COMMUNITY INPUT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN?

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
11 AND I BELIEVE IT WAS IN OCTOBER OF 2012 THAT THE FEDERAL
12 GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS CHARGED WITH LOOKING
13 AFTER THIS GROUP, THE PROBATION TEAM, CAME UP WITH AN
14 AMENDMENT TO THEIR AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS CALLED PARAGRAPH 73.
15 AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ THE WHOLE THING, BUT I'LL JUST
16 SUMMARIZE ESSENTIALLY WHAT IT SAID, SUPERVISORS TO MY LEFT WHO
17 ARE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE IMPROPERLY DURING PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
18 IT SAID EFFECTIVELY WE NEED TO LET PEOPLE OUT OF THESE
19 FACILITIES A.S.A.P., IMMEDIATELY. WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE
20 CAN TO BRING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THESE PLACES
21 ARE BEYOND THE PAIL. AND I THINK PEOPLE HAVE ECHOED THAT.
22 WE'VE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED
23 IN SUCH FACILITIES, AND WE'VE HEARD FROM MANY INTERESTED
24 STAKEHOLDERS AND PEOPLE TRYING TO HELP. WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID,
25 THOUGH, UNFORTUNATELY, IS THAT THIS IS NOT LIKE THE SHERIFF

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1 WHERE THE SHERIFF IS ELECTED AND CAN CONTROL THIS GROUP. THIS
2 IS LIKE A DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, THAT HAS A
3 DIRECTOR, MR. POWERS, WHO WAS HIGHLY THOUGHT OF, UNFORTUNATELY
4 BOOKED A TRIP ON VACATION WITH A GIRLFRIEND AT COSTCO AND NOW
5 WE HAVE AN EMPTY SPACE. SO, CAL REMINGTON WHO IS ONE OF THE
6 BEST REVOLVING DOORS IN TOWN BROUGHT BACK TO HELP, AND HE IS
7 GOING TO HOPEFULLY BRING FORWARD WHAT THE SUPERVISORS NOW ARE
8 HOPING TO DO. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN
9 SPENDING LIKE, WHAT, 40-SOMETHING PLUS, MAYBE \$50 MILLION ON
10 TUNING UP CAMP KILPATRICK. YOU KNOW, THAT IS A TON OF MONEY
11 THAT IF APPLIED TO THE COMMUNITY, AND LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY,
12 ONE OF THE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS WAS, IF WE HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE
13 WHO WE COULD POSSIBLY HELP IN THE COMMUNITY ONE WAY OR
14 ANOTHER, LET'S MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE
15 SOMETHING CALLED ELECTRONIC MONITORING. I DON'T WANT TO REMIND
16 MISS HAMAI WHILE SHE IS CHEWING HER GUM HERE, BUT WE HAVE AN
17 IPHONE CULTURE. WE HAVE AN IPHONE CULTURE HERE. WE HAVE AN
18 IPHONE CULTURE HERE WHERE EVERYBODY IS CONNECTED. AND
19 ELECTRONIC MONITORING, YET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BRINGS
20 SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES. THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN
21 MIRED IN SCANDAL AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FUNCTIONAL ELECTRONIC
22 MONITORING.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. WE HAVE ONE MORE WITNESS,
25 MARK- ANTHONY JOHNSON. YOU'RE ON.

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1

2 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. WE'RE
3 EXCITED TO SEE THAT THE MOVEMENT FOR REFORM IS MORE THOROUGH
4 AND COMPREHENSIVE. AND I HOPE THAT THIS PARTICULAR MOTION WILL
5 CONTINUE TO MOVE AND PUSH THE BOUNDS OF THAT. SO I THINK I
6 COME SPEAKING AS OBVIOUSLY A MEMBER OF THE COALITION AGAINST
7 VIOLENCE, INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
8 COMMISSION. AND WE ARE OBVIOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND
9 WANT TO URGE THAT THIS PARTICULAR EFFORT BE INFORMED BY A FEW
10 THINGS. ONE, AS A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, I THINK I'M CONSTANTLY
11 CONCERNED BY BUZZ WORDS LIKE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT DON'T
12 ACTUALLY CATCH GROUND AND CATCH MOMENTUM IN THE LONG TERM. AND
13 SO WE HOPE THAT THESE PARTICULAR EFFORTS ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO
14 TRANSLATE INTO THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR FOLKS' LIVES. YOU
15 HAVE AT LEAST 20,000 YOUNG FOLKS IN PROBATION IN THE COUNTY,
16 RIGHT? AND THAT TO US IS YOUR GREATEST RESOURCE IN TERMS OF
17 THIS PARTICULAR PROCESS. THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT CAN TELL YOU
18 WHAT THE GAPS ARE. THESE ARE THE FOLKS WHO CAN TELL YOU WHERE
19 THE LAPSES ARE AND WHETHER IT'S TREATMENT OR THE RESOURCES ARE
20 GETTING OR NOT GETTING. I WAS JUST AT A DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH
21 SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WHO WERE SHARING WITH US VERY INTIMATELY
22 ALL OF THE GAPS FROM WHAT PROBATION IS TELLING THEM AND WHAT
23 THE ACTUAL SERVICES ARE. SO THAT FOR US IS REALLY CRITICAL.
24 PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WE
25 WOULD WANT YOU TO PUT FOLKS WHO ARE ON PROBATION IN THAT

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1 PROCESS. AS SOMEONE WHO WENT THROUGH THE WORKING GROUP PROCESS
2 FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THAT PROCESS CAN BE
3 LONG AND EXHAUSTING AND A LOT OF WORK, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU
4 HAVE AN AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU WANT TO SEE AND
5 DEMANDS THAT YOU'RE PUSHING FORWARD, AND IF THAT DOESN'T
6 TRANSLATE INTO SOMETHING, WE ACTUALLY WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN.
7 WE ACTUALLY WANT TO SEE THE WILL AND THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT BE
8 MEANINGFUL IN THE LONG TERM. AND SO I THINK I COME IN SUPPORT
9 OF THIS MOTION. I COME IN SUPPORT OF Y'ALL'S LEADERSHIP IN
10 DRAFTING THIS UP. AND WE WANT TO SEE THIS ACTUALLY TURNED INTO
11 LONG-TERM TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT FOR OUR FOLKS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS. IF
14 NOT, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED, AND THESE ARE TWO
15 ITEMS, P-1 AND 4, AS AMENDED, MOVED BY KUEHL, SECONDED BY
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. YES,
17 OKAY, MEMBERS. NEXT ITEM IS R-1, D.C.F.S., RELATIVE
18 CAREGIVERS? WE HAVE A PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT. MR.
19 BROWNING?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, CHAIR. LET ME -- IF WE HEAR FROM
22 THE DEPARTMENT, AND THEN I WANT TO ASK MR. BROWNING SOME
23 QUESTIONS.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU --

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO HEAR --

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OH, I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY. PHILIP BROWNING,
5 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
6 AND I HAVE DIANE IGLESIAS, SENIOR DEPUTY, AND WALTER CHAN, WHO
7 IS HEAD OF OUR CONTRACTS. I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT WE
8 HAVE ABOUT 35,000 CHILDREN FOR WHOM WE HAVE CARED TODAY. WE
9 HAVE ABOUT 20,000 OF THOSE CHILDREN IN THE CARE OUT OF HOME,
10 WHICH MEANS THEY'RE NOT WITH THEIR PARENTS. AND WE HAVE A
11 RELATIVE CARE PROGRAM, WHICH IS REALLY PRETTY BIG, SO ABOUT
12 9,000 OR 52 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN FOR WHOM WE HAVE AN OUT-
13 OF-HOME CARE. THEY ACTUALLY ARE WITH RELATIVES. AND SO, THE
14 MOTION, THE REPORT TODAY IS A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT
15 D.C.F.S./D.P.S.S. AND COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER SERVICES
16 DOES FOR THE RELATIVES. AND WHAT WE'RE HOPING IS THAT THIS
17 REPORT BACK WILL PROVIDE YOU ENOUGH INFORMATION SO THAT YOU'LL
18 GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO
19 ARE IN RELATIVE CARE TODAY AND OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THEM
20 MORE SUPPORT THAN WE CURRENTLY ARE PROVIDING. I'M CERTAINLY
21 OPEN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I THINK WE HAVE A PRETTY LENGTHY
22 WRITTEN REPORT THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED IN STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND
23 WITH SOME OF YOUR STAFF. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, MR. BROWNING, THE ADDITIONAL
2 FUNDING IN THIS REPORT IS A STEP FORWARD IN THE RIGHT
3 DIRECTION, BUT WHAT ELSE IN THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE DONE TO
4 IMPROVE AND ENSURE THAT EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON FINDING
5 RELATIVES FOR THESE CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE REMOVED?

6

7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK WE ARE DOING A NUMBER OF
8 THINGS. WE HAVE A FAMILY FINDING GROUP, STAFF WHOSE FULL-TIME
9 JOB IS TO LOCATE RELATIVES WHEN THEY COME INTO OUR CARE. ONE
10 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOUR BOARD TOOK ACTION ON
11 LAST YEAR WAS THE APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER PROGRAM. SO
12 INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT NOT MEET FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY NOW THROUGH
13 THE STATE PROGRAM AND THIS BOARD'S EMPHASIS ARE ABLE TO GET A
14 PAYMENT. SO IN THE PAST, WE HAD A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
15 DIDN'T HAVE THE ABILITY FINANCIALLY TO TAKE A CHILD BUT NOW
16 THERE ARE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THEM. SO ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS
17 TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION WE DO IS TO TRY TO LOCATE A RELATIVE.
18 AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF MECHANISMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING
19 DONE. I THINK THIS REPORT BACK WILL ASSIST IN THAT REGARD BY
20 SETTING UP A NEW TELEPHONE LINE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THESE
21 RELATIVES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, IS THIS GOING TO BE PROACTIVE? I MEAN, HAVE
2 WE GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO SORT OF LIKE DEVELOPING LIKE A
3 NAVIGATOR WHERE THESE FAMILY MEMBERS CAN GO TO SORT OF
4 NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM? I MEAN, BECAUSE A LOT OF -- I MEAN, I'M
5 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS IS GOING THE RIGHT WAY, BUT MANY
6 TIMES THESE SITUATIONS HAPPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, NO
7 RESOURCES ATTACHED, NO WARNING, NO HEADS UP. SO, IS THERE
8 GOING TO BE LIKE A NAVIGATOR, SOME WAY THAT THESE FAMILIES CAN
9 SORT OF NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM?

10

11 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO DO IS TO BE ABLE
12 TO CONTRACT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WHO WILL BE IN
13 A BETTER POSITION TO GO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO ASSIST
14 WITH SOME OF THESE SITUATIONS THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED. WE DO
15 HAVE A REAL NEED FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, BUT THE GOAL
16 IS TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE CAN ENCOURAGE RELATIVES IN
17 THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A CHILD. SO RIGHT
18 NOW, WE JUST GOT APPROVAL FROM THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO OFFER A
19 LIMITED CHILDCARE PROGRAM. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS
20 REALLY BEEN CRITICAL IN THAT TO OFFER THEM FUNDING QUICKER
21 THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST. AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO TRY TO
22 RECRUIT FOSTER HOMES AND FOSTER PARENTS. SO I BROUGHT 25
23 FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION APPLICATION FORMS SO THAT ANY OF YOUR
24 STAFF, OR YOU, OR THE AUDIENCE WHO MIGHT WANT TO PICK THESE UP
25 CAN LOOK AT THIS AND BECOME A CAREGIVER.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MY POINT IS, THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO TRY TO
3 RECRUIT. YOU RECRUIT SOMEBODY, YOU GOT SOMEBODY. I'M TALKING
4 ABOUT THE FAMILY MEMBER THAT GETS IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
5 NIGHT. THERE'S NO RECRUITMENT. THERE'S NO ASK. THEY SHOW UP.
6 ARE WE GOING TO HAVE NAVIGATORS TO TRY TO HELP THESE FOLKS GET
7 THROUGH THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE THEY MAY WANT TO DO IT AND THEY
8 MAY NOT, BUT THE POINT BEING IS THAT THAT MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
9 THING PRESENTS THE PROBLEM. I MEAN, IT'S NICE THAT WE GET THEM
10 THE MONEY AND SOME OF THEM THAT WANT TO DO IT, BUT ON THE
11 OTHER ONES, WHEN IT COMES TO THESE SPUR OF THE MOMENT KINDS OF
12 SITUATIONS, WHICH REALLY, YOU KNOW, SHOWS UP IN THE
13 VULNERABILITY OF THE SYSTEM. THESE KIDS ARE TRAUMATIZED.

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SO, WALTER IS GOING TO PROVIDE A LITTLE MORE
16 INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION.

17

18 **WALTER CHAN:** THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT CALLS FOR A COUPLE OF
19 CONTRACTS, ONE OF THEM TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE
20 APPROVAL PROCESS OF THE RELATIVE CAREGIVER. AND DURING THAT
21 PROCESS, AN ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES IS DONE BY THAT
22 CONTRACTOR, AGAIN A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, AND THE
23 INFORMATION IS RELAYED, THEN, TO THE AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY
24 WHO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND WILL HELP.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S A NORMAL 9 TO 5 SITUATION. WHAT HAPPENS
2 TO THE KID THAT SHOWS UP AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING ON THE
3 DOORSTEP OF A RELATIVE?

4

5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, THEY WOULDN'T SHOW UP WITHOUT A SOCIAL
6 WORKER BEING THERE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, YEAH?

9

10 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SAY THAT AGAIN?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, YEAH? I MEAN, THAT'S SOME OF THE CALLS THAT
13 WE'RE GETTING. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THESE, YOU KNOW,
14 THEY ARE NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND GRANDKIDS.

15

16 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, WE DO HAVE A 1-800 HOTLINE THAT THEY
17 CAN CALL TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO ESTABLISH A WARM LINE THAT WILL
18 BE OPEN UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK SPECIFICALLY FOR RELATIVES. BUT THE
19 SITUATIONS I'M TALKING ABOUT IS WHERE ONE OF OUR WORKERS FINDS
20 A CHILD THAT'S IN A SITUATION THAT'S NOT SAFE. SO, WE TAKE
21 THAT CHILD AND PLACE THEM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IN A RELATIVE'S
22 HOME. SO, THE SOCIAL WORKER WILL BE THERE TO SAY, HOW CAN WE
23 HELP? THIS IS AN EMERGENCY PLACEMENT. WE DON'T MAKE THAT
24 PLACEMENT UNTIL WE DO AN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, AND THEN
25 WE'LL GO BACK WITHIN A 30-DAY PERIOD TO ASSESS THE HOME. AND

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1 SO, THAT WORKER WILL BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE WITH THAT RELATIVE.
2 BUT WE ALSO HAVE THIS CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT WE'LL HAVE
3 BASED ON THE BOARD'S MOTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR
4 THOSE RELATIVES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT RESPITE CARE, I MEAN, SOME CAREGIVERS
7 THAT JUST WANT A BREAK OR NEED A BREAK.

8

9 **PHILIP BROWNING:** RESPITE CARE. SO, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS
10 THAT THE STATE APPROVED JUST RECENTLY. SO, THERE WAS ABOUT 15
11 MILLION THAT WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE STATE. WE PUT IN A
12 REQUEST FOR \$57 MILLION. THEY GAVE US \$4-1/2 MILLION. BUT ONE
13 OF THE THINGS THEY APPROVED WAS RESPITE CARE. SO, IN THE PAST,
14 RESPITE CARE FOR L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN \$3 AN HOUR. I DON'T
15 KNOW ANY OF YOU WHO ARE GOING TO TAKE THAT UP AT \$3 AN HOUR.
16 SO WE GOT APPROVAL TO RAISE THAT TO \$10 AN HOUR, AND WE'RE IN
17 THE POSITION OF IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT CAN
18 PROVIDE RESPITE CARE. SO, DIANE'S REALLY INVOLVED IN LEADING
19 THAT EFFORT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY,
2 VERY MUCH FOR THIS REPORT. YOU PROBABLY KNOW -- I'M NOT SURE
3 HOW LONG I'LL BE HERE. I HOPE ANOTHER 10 OR 11 YEARS. I'M
4 GOING TO KEEP PUSHING ON THIS, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. AND
5 I'M REALLY, REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE THIS REPORT BACK. AS YOU
6 KNOW, OVER HALF OF THE CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE IN OUT-
7 OF-HOME CARE LIVE WITH THEIR RELATIVES, WHICH WE COMMONLY CALL
8 KINSHIP CARE. AND THESE PLACEMENTS ARE OFTEN THE PLACEMENT OF
9 CHOICE. AS YOU KNOW, MY SISTER IS A DEPENDENCY COURT JUDGE.
10 AND I THINK JUDGE NASH WILL TELL YOU THE SAME. THERE ARE A LOT
11 OF CASES WHERE WE WOULD PREFER TO PLACE THE CHILDREN WITH
12 THEIR RELATIVES. THE CHILDREN IDENTIFY WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
13 THEY KNOW THEM. IT'S A VERY TRAUMATIC TIME FOR THEM. AND SO
14 THEY MIGHT SHARE CULTURAL AND ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS VALUES. BUT
15 MOST OF ALL, IN MANY CASES, THEY'RE FAMILIAR. AND WE ALSO KNOW
16 THAT KIDS WHO ARE PLACED WITH RELATIVES OFTEN HAVE BETTER
17 EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH, AND BEHAVIORAL OUTCOMES THAN GOING INTO -
18 - NOTHING AGAINST FOSTER PARENTS, WHO DO THEIR BEST, YOU KNOW,
19 IT'S SO UNFAMILIAR AND EVERYBODY HAVING TO KIND OF FIGURE
20 EVERYTHING OUT. THEY ALSO EXPERIENCE, DATA SHOWS, GREATER
21 PLACEMENT STABILITY AND HAVE MOVED MORE QUICKLY TOWARD
22 PERMANENCY. DESPITE -- THIS IS TRUE DESPITE THE FACT THAT
23 FAMILY CAREGIVERS ARE OFTEN LESS LIKELY THAN FOSTER PARENTS TO
24 HAVE SUPPORT GROUPS THAT THEY BELONG TO, BECAUSE OFTEN THEY
25 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY WERE GOING TO BE PARENTS UNTIL, YOU

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1 KNOW, THE DAY BEFORE. THEY DON'T HAVE RESPITE CARE. AND I'M
2 REALLY GLAD THAT WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE THAT. THEY OFTEN
3 DON'T GET TRAINING. AND THEY CERTAINLY HAVEN'T HAD THE KIND OF
4 FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNTIL THE COUNTY OPTED IN SO AT LEAST THEY
5 WOULD BE PAID THE SAME. THAT'S WHY WE WANTED THIS REPORT BACK.
6 AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO HAVE IT. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR
7 YOU, THOUGH, JUST SORT OF A FEW SPECIFICS ABOUT THE REPORT. DO
8 YOU -- I THINK THE FUNDING IS ABOUT \$1-1/4 MILLION FOR
9 RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES ACROSS THE 8 S.P.A.S. DO YOU
10 HONESTLY FEEL THAT WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR WHAT WE WANT TO
11 PROVIDE FOR THEM, BECAUSE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES HAS EXPANDED.
12 WE INCLUDE CHILD BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION AND COUNSELING AND
13 LOTS OF SERVICES, WHICH IS APPROPRIATE.

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THE 1.25 CAME AS A RESULT OF THE
16 ORIGINAL MOTION. BUT I THINK WHAT WE'RE PREPARED TO DO IS TO
17 RELEASE THE R.F.I.S AND SEE WHAT THE PROVIDERS SAY THEY CAN DO
18 THIS FOR. AND I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE STATE RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS
19 THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO LOOK AT AND 4-E WAIVER FUNDS
20 THAT COULD BE USED IF WE SEE THAT THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL NEED
21 FOR SERVICES. SO WE'RE NOT LOCKED IN TO THE \$1.25, IF THAT'S
22 WHAT YOU'RE ASKING.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE'D LIKE SOME EVALUATION ABOUT
25 ADEQUACY, I MEAN, JUST SOME SORT OF HONESTY IN WHAT WE PROVIDE

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1 AND WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND POSSIBLY DOWN THE LINE WHAT
2 WE WISH WE COULD HAVE PROVIDED.

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** RIGHT. AND THIS WILL BE A NEW CONCEPT FOR US.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** RIGHT.

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SO WE WILL WANT TO HAVE A VERY GOOD
9 EVALUATION. SO I THINK THIS WOULD BE A TEST FOR US THAT MAY
10 DETERMINE THAT WE NEED TO GREATLY EXPAND IT.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SECONDLY, YOU DID A KIND OF A BROAD SURVEY
13 OF RELATIVE CAREGIVER NEEDS, AND SOME OF THE FINDINGS WERE
14 STRIKING. FOR INSTANCE, BASIC EMERGENCY NEEDS WERE THE NUMBER
15 ONE TOP IDENTIFIED NEEDS. I SEE A BUDGET OF \$77,000 FOR
16 FAMILIES WITH THIS KIND OF EMERGENCY FUNDING UP TO \$2,000 PER
17 FAMILY AND IT'S ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE. ONLY \$60 -- STILL, WITH
18 SUCH WHAT I THINK DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH MONEY, ONLY \$61,000
19 WAS ACTUALLY EXPENDED. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS: ARE OUR
20 SOCIAL WORKERS ACTUALLY AWARE THAT THIS ASSISTANCE IS
21 AVAILABLE?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I DON'T THINK THEY'RE REALLY AWARE AND
24 SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE WHICH CAN
25 BE USED IN THOSE KINDS OF EMERGENCY SITUATION. THAT IS ONE OF

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1 THE THINGS THAT I THINK THAT WILL BE REMEDIED BY THIS NEW
2 CONCEPT THAT YOU HAVE PROPOSED AND THAT WE'RE GOING FORWARD
3 WITH, THAT THE C.B.O.S WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE FUNDS
4 WITHIN THEIR DISCRETION WHICH THEY CAN MAKE IMMEDIATE USE OF
5 SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FAIRLY LABORIOUS
6 PROCUREMENT PROCESSES THAT THE COUNTY HAS. SO, FOR US TO BUY A
7 BED OR CRIB IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THAN HAVING ONE OF THE
8 C.B.O.S GO DOWN TO WAL-MART OR SOMEPLACE AND DO THAT, WHICH IS
9 WHAT OUR HOPE IS, THAT IT BECOMES FAIRLY IMMEDIATE, AS OPPOSED
10 TO BEING DELAYED.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND, DIRECTOR, I THINK ALONG THE THEME, AND
13 IT'S ALWAYS A THEME ABOUT DOES EVERYBODY WHO NEEDS TO KNOW
14 ABOUT THAT STUFF AND WHATEVER IT IS ACTUALLY HAVE THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW, BECAUSE THE REPORT SAID THAT A MAJORITY
16 OF RELATIVE CAREGIVERS HAVE NEVER MET OR SPOKEN WITH A KINSHIP
17 CARE LIAISON OR WENT TO OR CALLED ONE OF OUR TWO KINSHIP
18 SUPPORT CENTERS. SO, AS YOU KNOW, I HOPE THAT WE CAN INCREASE
19 SUPPORT SERVICES PARTNERING WITH C.B.O.S TO EXPAND ALL OF
20 THIS, NOT TO SUPPLANT THEM, OBVIOUSLY, TO EXPAND THE SERVICES.
21 SO, OF COURSE I'D LOVE TO SEE OUR TWO KINSHIP SUPPORT CENTERS
22 BECOME, YOU KNOW, BUSTLING HUBS OF ACTIVITY. BUT IS THERE MORE
23 WE CAN DO TO LET RELATIVE CAREGIVERS KNOW ABOUT THESE
24 RESOURCES? AND I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU SHARE THE VISION, BUT
25 TELL ME RIGHT OUT HERE IN PUBLIC THAT YOU DO.

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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I DO. I'VE BEEN A RELATIVE CAREGIVER
3 FOR 25 YEARS. SO, I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT. SO, I
4 DO BELIEVE THERE'S A NEED FOR THESE SITUATIONS WHERE WE'VE GOT
5 RELATIVE CAREGIVERS WHO ACTUALLY NEED SOMETHING. IN THE PAST,
6 I THINK CALIFORNIA HAS REALLY FOCUSED ON FOSTER CARE, NOT
7 RELATIVE CARE. SO I THINK THERE IS A RE-EMPHASIS ON FOSTER
8 CARE. THIS BOARD HAS CERTAINLY PUSHED THAT. I THINK WE'VE
9 HEARD THE MESSAGE. WE'RE GOING TO BE MOVING FORWARD IN A
10 MANNER THAT WE HAVEN'T IN THE PAST. I DO THINK THERE'S SOME
11 PIECES OF LEGISLATION COMING DOWN WHICH WILL CHANGE THE WAY WE
12 DEAL WITH BOTH FOSTER AND RELATIVE PLACEMENTS. SO WE'RE
13 HOPEFUL THAT THIS CAN BE THE START FOR US, NOT THE END.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST ONE LAST THING, THE REPORT BACK
16 BROUGHT THE SCOPE OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO INCLUDE HOME
17 ASSESSMENTS. THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO ME, GIVEN HOW
18 COMPLEX THE WHOLE ENDEAVOR IS. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 SUPPORT SERVICES DON'T GET LOST IN ANY WAY IN THIS ENDEAVOR,
20 BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE SAY THIS A REALLY GOOD IDEA, WE'LL TAKE A
21 CHUNK OUT OF THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORK. AND OF COURSE,
22 I'M ONE OF THOSE "YES AND" KIND OF PEOPLE. SO I KNOW THAT YOU
23 WILL MAINTAIN AND EMPHASIZE THE SUPPORT SERVICES AND
24 ADDITIONALLY WORK ON HOME ASSESSMENT.

25

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** RIGHT. AND I THINK YOU WILL HELP US IN THAT
2 REGARD. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON YOUR
7 WORK ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S AN EXCITING TIME FOR US. AND I KNOW
8 HOW DEEPLY COMMITTED THIS BOARD IS TO SEEING THAT WE EXPAND
9 THESE SERVICES AND THAT WE REALLY EMBARK ON A DIFFERENT WAY OF
10 DOING BUSINESS, INVITING OUR FAMILIES TO BE PARTNERS IN THIS.
11 SO I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FROM THE GET-GO AND THANK YOU FOR
12 HAVING ONE OF YOUR STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCES IN EAST L.A. I
13 THINK THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
14 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, WHO PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WOULD
15 OPEN UP THEIR HOMES IF THEY KNEW THAT THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY
16 AND THERE WOULD BE SUPPORT FOR THEM. SO I HAVE AN AMENDMENT
17 THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT, AS WELL, AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT IN.
18 IT'S ENSURING CULTURALLY COMPETENT SUPPORT WITHIN THE RELATIVE
19 SUPPORT SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. "THE COUNTY OF LOS
20 ANGELES REMAINS COMMITTED TO MEETING THE COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS
21 OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR DEPENDENCY SYSTEM, AND IT'S
22 IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORTS THAT HELP
23 CREATE NURTURING PLACEMENTS IN FOSTER PARENTS AND RELATIVE
24 CAREGIVERS. ON JUNE 9, 2015, THE BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION
25 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN

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1 CONSULTATION WITH THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE
2 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC
3 SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES TO REPORT BACK
4 ON ALL THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO RELATIVE CAREGIVERS. IN
5 ADDITION, THE MOTION REQUESTED THE USE OF A SOLICITATION
6 PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WHERE
7 D.C.F.S. WOULD PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO
8 DEVELOP KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMS. AND AS A RESULT, D.C.F.S.
9 DEVELOPED THE RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT,
10 CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED C.B.O.S TO PROVIDE KINSHIP SERVICES.
11 GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE NEW STRATEGY, WE MUST ENSURE THAT
12 RELATIVE CAREGIVERS FROM ALL CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS ARE FULLY
13 SUPPORTED. WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE R.S.S. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
14 BY OFFERING CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE OUTREACH
15 AND RESOURCES. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
17 SERVICES TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE WORK FOR THE
18 R.S.S. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT THE
19 SERVICES PROVIDED TO R.S.S. CLIENTS, RELATIVE CAREGIVERS ARE
20 CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT. THIS SHALL INCLUDE AN
21 ASSESSMENT OF DEMOGRAPHICS, INCLUDING RACE, ETHNICITY AND
22 PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ENSURE THAT THESE ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
23 WHEN DEVELOPING MATERIALS AND THAT STAFF AND R.S.S. PROVIDERS
24 CAN MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS." OKAY, THAT'S MOVED AND SECONDED.
25 THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW CALL UP WITNESSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 BESSIE CLAYBORNE, REINA VILLATORO, MARY LEE, AND CHERAL HYMAN.
2 MISS CLAYBORNE. GOOD MORNING, SPEAK INTO THE MIC. JUST PULL IT
3 OVER.

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5 **BESSIE CLAYBORNE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BESSIE CLAYBORNE,
6 AND I'D LIKE TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND LILY
7 FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I'M A RELATIVE CAREGIVER
8 RAISING MY GRANDSON, MALCOLM, FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS. I'VE
9 BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF LEADERS AT THE COMMUNITY COALITION IN
10 ACTION FOR EIGHT YEARS. I'M HERE BECAUSE AS A MEMBER OF THE
11 COMMUNITY COALITION, I'VE SEEN WHAT AN EFFECTIVE KINSHIP
12 PROGRAM LOOKS LIKE. IN 2012, WE RECEIVED A THREE-YEAR FEDERAL
13 GRANT TO BE OF THE KINSHIP NAVIGATION PROGRAM. WE CALL IT
14 FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES. IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WE BUILT A
15 MODEL PROGRAM THAT CAN BE REPLICATED ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY.
16 OUR PROGRAM TAKES THE INPUT OF CAREGIVERS INTO CONSIDERATION
17 AND PLACES THE NEED OF THE CENTER ON THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. AND
18 THE PLAN OF THE REPORT DEVELOPED BY D.C.F.S. HAS A WAY TO GO.
19 IT'S GOOD TO OUTLINE THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT SHOULD BE
20 AVAILABLE, BUT THAT WE CAREGIVERS AND THOSE WE WORK WITH
21 CLOSELY OVER THE YEARS HAVE A LOT OF LEADERSHIP TO CONTRIBUTE
22 TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL. I'VE PARTICIPATED IN OUTREACH
23 TO INVOLVE NEW CAREGIVERS. IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK. I SERVED AS
24 A PEER NAVIGATOR TO CONNECT OTHER CAREGIVERS TO SERVICE. I'VE
25 SEEN EFFECTIVE MARKETING THAT LOOK LIKE THAT CAREGIVERS KNOW

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1 THAT THEY ARE CAREGIVERS AND HELPING KIDS. THOSE COMPONENTS
2 NEED TO BE ADDED TO AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. WE'RE ASKING THAT
3 THE BOARD TAKE SOME TIME TO CREATE A PROCESS TO INVOLVE
4 CAREGIVERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTERS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE
5 THANK KINSHIP PROGRAMS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND COUNT ON OUR
6 CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
9 PLEASE.

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11 **REINA VILLATORO:** BUENOS DIAS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE A TRANSLATOR AVAILABLE?

14

15 **REINA VILLATORO:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

16

17 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
18 MY NAME IS REINA VILLATORO. I'M A RELATIVE CAREGIVER RAISING
19 MY GRANDDAUGHTER CHRISTINA FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS, AND I'VE
20 BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY COALITION
21 KINSHIP AND ACTION PROGRAM FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS. I'M HERE THIS
22 MORNING BECAUSE AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER, KINSHIP NAVIGATOR, AND
23 SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR, I CAN TELL YOU, IN ORDER TO MAKE
24 THESE CENTERS WORK, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE APPROPRIATELY FUNDED.
25 \$1.25 MILLION FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS NOT

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1 ENOUGH. WITH THEIR FIVE OR EIGHT CENTERS, THIS IS TOO LITTLE
2 FUNDING TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF HIRING AN EFFECTIVE STAFF
3 OR EVEN STAYING OPEN DURING THE HOURS CAREGIVERS CAN
4 PARTICIPATE. COMMUNITY COALITION HAS A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM,
5 HAS SUBCONTRACTED LOCAL AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE ON ISSUES
6 IMPORTANT TO US LIKE LEGAL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION,
7 SUPPORT FOR TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH. WE HOLD SUPPORT GROUPS
8 WEEKLY IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH WITH NEARLY 30 PARTICIPANTS
9 EACH. WE'RE ASKING WE'RE TO FUND EACH CENTERS TO MEET THE
10 COMMUNITY'S NEED. WE CAN PROVIDE A PROGRAM YOUR BOARD A BUDGET
11 OF OUR PROGRAM. JUST LET US KNOW WHERE TO DIRECT IT. AND
12 BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO DO TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN,
13 WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP TO MAKE SURE TO
14 LOCATE THE CENTERS WHERE CAREGIVERS LIVE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. MARY
17 LEE.

18

19 **MARY LEE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY LEE. I AM A FORMER
20 EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, COUNSELOR WITH L.A.U.S.D., BUT MOST
21 IMPORTANTLY, I'M A LONG-TERM RELATIVE CAREGIVER. I'VE BEEN A
22 CAREGIVER FOR 24 YEARS. AND I REPRESENT FOSTER YOUTH AND
23 KINSHIP AS AN ADVOCATE. KINSHIP CARE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY
24 60 PERCENT OF THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF OUR YOUTH IN L.A.
25 COUNTY. I'M REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND

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1 D.C.F.S., NUMBER ONE, INVOLVE CAREGIVERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
2 THE PROGRAMS. TO CREATE A PROGRAM CAREGIVERS WILL WANT TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN, YOUR INVOLVE MUST INVOLVE US IN THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROGRAMS. SECONDLY, FUND EACH CENTER TO
5 MEET THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. WE'VE LENT OUR VOICE TO THE NEED
6 OF EXPANDING KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO COMMUNITIES ALL OVER
7 L.A. COUNTY, BUT THE CURRENT BUDGET IS INADEQUATE TO ACHIEVE
8 WHAT WE KNOW NEEDS TO BE DONE. FUND EACH CENTER AT THE LEVEL
9 THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. AND, THIRDLY, LOCATE THE CENTERS WHERE
10 THE CAREGIVERS LIVE. NOTHING IN THE REPORTS STATES THAT THESE
11 CENTERS NEED TO BE LOCATED WHERE WE'RE LOCATED. PLEASE MAKE
12 SURE THAT THE CENTERS OR PROGRAMS ARE LOCATED AS CLOSE TO THE
13 CENTER OF WHERE CAREGIVERS LIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT WITNESS.

16

17 **CHERAL HYMEN:** FIRST OF ALL, MY NAME IS CHERAL HYMEN. I'D LIKE
18 TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MY HERO,
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE.
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS. I AM A KINSHIP CAREGIVER, AN
21 ADOPTIVE GRANDPARENT, FOUNDER OF R.O.C.K., RAISING OUR
22 CHILDREN'S KIDS, AND WE'VE SERVED THE RESIDENTS, THE
23 CAREGIVERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR 20 YEARS NOW. I DO
24 SUPPORT THE R.S.S. AND R.H.A.S. PROPOSALS HERE. I TOTALLY
25 AGREE WITH WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE SAID BEFORE ME, SO I WON'T

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1 REPEAT THAT. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS THAT I DID AS WELL
2 AS TRAINING AND WRITING THE KINSHIP ORIENTATION IS DO A PILOT
3 PROJECT WITH D.C.F.S. IN THE A.S.P.A. DIVISION, WHICH CONTAIN
4 MANY OF THE THINGS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. I CAN TELL YOU
5 IT WORKS. WHEN IT'S DONE PROPERLY, IT WORKS. THE OTHER THING,
6 ONE OF THE OTHER PIECES IS THAT THE BUDGET SEEMS A LITTLE
7 UNREALISTIC TO ME. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL POINTED OUT, I WISH YOU
8 WOULD DO SOME WORK ON THAT. I HAVE BROUGHT IN WRITINGS, SO WE
9 TAKE LESS TIME, I'VE BROUGHT IN WRITING, SO I WON'T HAVE TO
10 SPEAK ABOUT THIS. I TRUST YOU WILL READ IT. I'VE CRUNCHED SOME
11 NUMBERS. THERE'S AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT PIECE ABOUT TRAINING
12 FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, WHICH WHEN THE NEW POLICIES COME IN
13 CAN CAUSE A RELATIVE CAREGIVER TO GO BETWEEN THREE AND SIX
14 MONTHS POSSIBLY WITHOUT FUNDING. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT THOSE
15 NUMBERS. THERE ARE 7 POINTS HERE. I WON'T GO INTO ALL OF THEM.
16 I TRUST THAT YOU WILL READ THOSE. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH
17 FOR YOUR TIME AND ALL YOU'RE DOING.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME FURTHER
20 WITNESSES. BELTY HALLE, ARNOLD SACHS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
21 SUSAN KAPLAN, RAKALEA LUCHER AND SHEILA WARD.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR SEEING AND HEARING US TODAY. I
24 WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS, DON KNABE FROM JUNE SPOSEY FROM THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN

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1 AFFAIRS, WHICH YOU SUPPORT AND HELP HER IN HER ENDEAVOR IN
2 DISTRICT 2 AND 4. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF
3 THEM, WHICH THEY THEN ALLOWED ME TO START A SUPPORT GROUP
4 CALLED ADVOCATES FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS. I HAVE BEEN IN THE
5 SYSTEM AND NOW OUT FOR OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. I HAVE ALSO
6 BECOME AN ADVOCATE. MY CONCERN IS: THEY SAID THEY SENT OUT
7 SOME SURVEYS. THEY SAID THEY SENT OUT OVER 5,000 AND GOT 1,200
8 BACK. I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THAT'S ENOUGH SURVEYS
9 TO WARRANT WHAT THEY WANT TO DO TO RELATIVE CAREGIVERS. AND I
10 THINK THAT YOU NEED TO INVOLVE RELATIVE CAREGIVERS IN THE
11 SYSTEM. I HAVE BEEN AFTER DIRECTOR BROWNING AND SEVERAL D.C.F.
12 OFFICES. YOU HAVE A P.I.P.S. PROGRAM, WHERE YOU ALLOWED THE
13 PARENTS TO BECOME PARTNERS AND WORK CLOSELY. YOU NEED TO DO
14 THE SAME THING WITH RELATIVES. YOU NEED TO INVOLVE US, USE US,
15 LET US WORK. I HAVE TALKED TO THEM WHEN THEY FIRST GET A
16 FAMILY IN THE SYSTEM. CALL US. YOU TALKED ABOUT COMING TO OUR
17 HOMES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. YOU COME INTO OUR HOMES, AND
18 WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SOCIAL SERVICES
19 EVEN ARE, WHAT IT'S ABOUT. WE'RE OVERWHELMED, AND OUR KIDS
20 HAVE NEGLECTED OUR GRANDKIDS. IF YOU USE US AND LET US MEET
21 THESE PEOPLE RIGHT UP FRONT, WE CAN SOLVE A LOT OF YOUR
22 PROBLEMS. WE CAN EDUCATE THEM. AND THERE ARE SUPPORT GROUPS.
23 THERE ARE SUPPORT GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE
24 HERE TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF RELATIVE CAREGIVERS. THEY

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1 COULDN'T REACH THOSE PEOPLE IN THE SURVEYS, BUT I BET WE COULD
2 REACH THEM AND WE COULD FILL YOUR ROOM HERE WITH CAREGIVERS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **ROCKY LEFULCHER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ROCKY LEFULCHER. I'M A
7 FORMER FOSTER CHILD. I'M 33 YEARS OLD. AND I WILL LOVE TO
8 SPEAK ON THE BEHALF OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS. I THINK THAT IT
9 WILL BE ETHICAL THE SAME AS THE FAMILY SERVICES THEY GIVE THE
10 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FOSTER CARE AGENCIES TO GET THE SAME
11 EQUAL RIGHTS TO THE FAMILY WHO WILL TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY
12 OF THE CHILD, MEANING ALLOWING THE CAREGIVERS TO HAVE THE
13 CHILD TO BE EMANCIPATED, PROPER SKILLS, INDEPENDENT LIVING
14 QUARTERS, NATION, HABITS, PHYSICAL MEASURES FOR THE COUNTY TO
15 GIVE THE FAMILIES THE EQUAL FINANCIAL STABILITY THAT WILL
16 ALLOW THE FAMILIES TO THEN COME TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES TO
17 IDENTIFY THEIR MISHAPS AND THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, WHICH THEN
18 THE FAMILY SOCIAL SERVICES WILL THEN ALLOW THE CARE PROVIDER
19 TO GET ENGAGED IN WHATEVER PHYSICAL OR FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THAT
20 CHILD, WHETHER THERE'S GOING TO BE MENTAL, FINANCIAL, WHERE OF
21 THE CHILD, LIKE NOW WE HAVE IDENTITY FOR SEX GENDER. IT NEEDS
22 TO BE PLACED ON THE CHILD'S PROVIDER IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL
23 AS IF THEIR SEXUALLY ORIENTED COMING INTO THEIR FAMILY. THAT
24 MAY HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF THEM NOT ALLOWING THE
25 CHILD TO COME INTO THEIR HOME. SO A PHYSICAL OUTTAKE OF THE

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1 MEMBER THAT ALLOWS THE FAMILY CARE PROVIDER THAT WILL ACCEPT A
2 GAY AND LESBIAN CHILD INTO THEIR HOMES SINCE THE RIGHTS HAVE
3 BEEN APPLIED TO THE CHILD WHICH IS THE CARE THAT YOU GUYS WILL
4 GIVE THE SOCIETY, WHICH IS FREE MEASURES OF FREE SPEECH OF
5 GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE SEXUAL ORIENTING OF EACH CHILD, WHETHER
6 STRAIGHT OR LESBIAN, THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEES THAT THE CARE
7 PROVIDER WILL GIVE THEM THE EQUAL FAIR CHANCES. THANK YOU FOR
8 SERVICING THE COMMUNITY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **SUSAN KAPLAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
14 IS SUSAN KAPLAN, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF
15 THE FAMILY, YOUR LEAD AGENCY IN S.P.A. 2, WHICH IS PART OF
16 DISTRICT 3 FOR THE PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE INITIATIVE AND
17 OTHER PROCEEDING CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON PREVENTION
18 OF CHILD MALTREATMENT AND ITS UNDERLYING CAUSES, MOST
19 PROMINENTLY POVERTY, SOCIAL ISOLATION, AND MARGINALIZATION.
20 I'M SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE REPORT FROM THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ON THE CURRENT
22 STATE OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO RELATIVE CAREGIVERS
23 AND THE REPORT'S STATED PLAN FORMED IN RESPONSE TO YOUR JUNE
24 2015 MOTION. HAVING BEEN ON THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEVELOPMENT
25 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CHILD

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1 WELFARE AND WELL-BEING PREVENTION MODELS FOR THE PAST 20
2 YEARS, I CAN ASSERT THAT TARGETING AN INITIATIVE UTILIZING
3 THREE BRAIDED STRATEGIES THAT HAVE UNDERGIRDING PREVENTION
4 EFFORTS IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS CAN HAVE GREAT AND
5 LEVERAGED EFFECTS. I OFFER TWO WORDS OF CAUTION. ONE, A REVIEW
6 AND MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR DRAWING DOWN FUNDS
7 FOR BASIC AND CONCRETE SUPPORTS IS CRITICAL TO TRY TO SIMPLIFY
8 AND STREAMLINE PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO REMOVE BARRIERS THAT
9 MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ACCESS THOSE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF KIN
10 FAMILIES. AND, SECOND, I EMPHASIZE THAT CARE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RELATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES SIDE OF THE
12 PLAN DOESN'T GET DWARFED BY THE RELATIVE HOME ASSESSMENT
13 SERVICES GOLIATH SIDE OF THE PLAN. THE EXPERIENCE AND
14 EXPERTISE FOR EACH SIDE REQUIRE DIFFERENT SETS OF SKILLS AND
15 FUNDAMENTAL APPROACHES. LASTLY, I ECHO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
16 COMMENT THAT TAKING THIS FULL FIRST STEP WITH THE PLAN TO
17 PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCED IN
18 PREVENTION AND NETWORK-BUILDING MODELS TO DEVELOP THE KINSHIP
19 SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING IS TO BE
20 COMMENDED AND I URGE YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE
21 INITIATIVE.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
2 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WHILE, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE
3 PROJECT IS TAKING SOME FORM. I THINK THAT YOU REALLY NEED TO
4 HAVE THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN IT AND SOME SERIOUS WORK NEED
5 TO BE MADE ON HOW THOSE FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE SUPPORTED AND
6 SO ON. THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES USED TO GO
7 IN A COMMUNITY TO EMPHASIZE WORKING WITH THE FAMILY. I KNOW AT
8 ONE POINT HE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH THE BLACK HEALTHCARE
9 TASKFORCE AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME. SO I THINK THAT'S VERY
10 IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY AND GET THEM INVOLVED.
11 ALSO, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAVE REPORTS, IT WILL BE NICE WHEN WE
12 ASK THEM NOT ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING, IF THEY ARE NOT
13 AVAILABLE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN
14 DICTATE REPORT BEFORE I COME HERE. I THINK THAT I WILL LIKE TO
15 ALSO LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT PROJECT WILL GET AND
16 BE VERY CAREFUL ON WHERE YOU LOCATE THAT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.
19 SHELA?

20

21 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. THIS
22 IS APPALLING THAT WE ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS. WE LOST. YOU
23 PEOPLE WON. YOU TAKE ANIMALS THAT FALL OUT OF NESTS THAT ARE
24 MESSED UP IN THE OCEAN OR THE LAND AND YOU PLACE THEM
25 NATURALLY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A BOARD MEETING. YOU DON'T

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1 HAVE TO LOOK FOR A BUDGET. MONEY TO FEED THEM OR HOUSE THEM.
2 TO TAKE CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS FOR ANY REASON AND NOT
3 REUNITE THEM WITH THEIR PARENTS IS.. APPALLING. IT'S
4 SACRILEGE. IT'S EVIL. IT'S CONDESCENDING. NO ONE IS TALKING
5 ABOUT HELPING THESE PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN IN THE
6 HOME. YOU SET UP A PROGRAM FOR FAILURE. YOU LOSE YOUR JOB,
7 YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT, YOU LOSE ALL OF THAT, NOTHING. AND THE
8 PARENTS TODAY, YOU GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD, YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR
9 IT. AND AFTER YOU PAY FOR IT, YOU DON'T GIVE THEM PAYMENTS OR
10 ANY KIND OF HELP FOR ANY OF THE CHILDREN AFTER TWO IF YOU'RE
11 BLACK BUT IF YOU'RE AN IMMIGRANT, YOU COME TO THE STATE OF
12 CALIFORNIA, YOU GIVE THEM \$2,200 A PERSON. SO GIVE IT TO
13 EVERYBODY. GIVE EVERYBODY \$500 PER PERSON. GIVE EVERYBODY
14 MEDI-CAL. GIVE EVERYBODY A GRANT FOR A HOME AND A GRANT FOR A
15 BUSINESS. AND THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY HAVING THIS
16 DISCUSSION. AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE, EITHER, WORRYING ABOUT
17 HELPING PEOPLE NOT BURNED OUT OF A WORLD THAT, WHY? BECAUSE
18 WE'RE NOT BEING HELPED. BECAUSE WE'RE POLITICAL PRISONERS,
19 BEING TREATED WORSE THAN SLAVES. SO, STOP IT. YOU'RE GETTING
20 PAID TO DO SOMETHING. DO YOUR JOB.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
25 PART OF THE MOTION THAT YOU MADE, I'M WONDERING, A FEW YEARS

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1 AGO YOU HAD A BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ABOUT D.C.F.S. SUPERVISOR
2 KNABE WAS HERE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS HERE. THE LADIES WEREN'T HERE. BUT AT THAT
4 MEETING OR RUNNING THAT FIASCO, THAT WAS PART OF THE 874
5 RECOMMENDATIONS. HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OF THOSE 874
6 RECOMMENDATIONS, THEY'VE ALL BEEN GONE THROUGH AND THESE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE MADE WEREN'T INCLUDED. YOU MENTIONED
8 THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. WHAT EXACTLY DID
9 THEY DO? BECAUSE THAT CAME AT US AS ONE OF THE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT WAS ONE OF THE FORMATIONS THAT THE BOARD
11 CREATED THIS OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. THEY WEREN'T UP HERE.
12 WHY NOT? WHAT IS THEIR FUNCTION IF THEY'RE NOT UP HERE
13 REGARDING RELATIVE CAREGIVING. AND SPEAKING OF RELATIVE
14 CAREGIVING, WHEN YOU HAD THAT PRESENTATION, THERE WAS QUITE A
15 FEW PEOPLE THAT CAME UP AND THEY MENTIONED THE FACT THAT THEY
16 WERE GETTING STATE AID, WHETHER IT WAS WELFARE OR FOOD STAMPS
17 OR SOME KIND OF ASSISTANCE. AND BY TAKING ON A RELATIVE, THEY
18 WOULD ACTUALLY LOSE MONEY, WHEREAS AN OUTSIDE CAREGIVER WOULD
19 GET MORE MONEY PER DIEM. AND THAT WAS A PROBLEM ALSO, WHERE
20 THEY GET MORE MONEY PER CHILD. AND IT WAS QUOTED IN THE L.A.
21 TIMES THAT IT BECOMES A MONEY-MAKING OPERATION. SO HAVE YOU
22 ADDRESSED THAT PROBLEM WITH THE STATE? AND SPEAKING OF
23 FUNDING, I BELIEVE MR. BROWNING MENTIONED THAT THE STATE HAD
24 \$15 MILLION AVAILABLE. THE COUNTY MADE \$57 MILLION REQUEST AND
25 GOT \$4 MILLION. ISN'T THAT A GAP? AREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S
3 A REPORT. RECEIVE AND FILE. AND THE MOTION IS AMENDED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST MAKE ONE COMMENT THAT WE'RE GOING
6 TO ALSO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE RELATIVES BUT ALSO ADOPTIONS
7 AND MENTORING. I MEAN, IT'S ALL ONE PACKAGE, BECAUSE THE KIDS
8 HAVING A HOME, A PLACE THAT THEY CAN CALL HOME, AND MENTOR
9 THAT THEY CAN LOOK UP TO IS WHAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN LOOKING TO
10 PROVIDE. THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO LOOK INTO THOSE EFFORTS.
11 AND THAT WAS MICHAEL NASH WITH THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE
12 THAT'S OVERSEEING THESE ISSUES. BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PUT
13 THE CHILD FIRST AND NOT THE BUREAUCRACY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS MOTIONED -- OH,
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I DO THINK IT'S
19 IMPORTANT THAT IT BE UNDERSCORED THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S
20 BEEN OF CONCERN FOR SOME TIME, ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL FOR LIFTING AND BRINGING IT INTO SHARPER FOCUS. BUT I
22 HOPE THAT WE CAN SEE SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE RESULTS THAT ARE
23 DEFINED BY BENCHMARKS AND TIMELINES. OTHERWISE, I'M NOT SURE
24 WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY BE ACCOMPLISHED HERE. SO, I'M GOING TO
25 ASK THE POINT PERSON ON THIS MATTER, MR. BROWNING, AND I'M

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1 GOING TO ASK O.C.P. TO COME FORWARD FOR A MOMENT. I WANT TO
2 ASK JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO JUDGE NASH AND MR. BROWNING.
3 A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WOULD BE: WHERE ARE
4 WE HEADED? HOW SOON DO WE GET THERE? AND THE FOLLOW-UP
5 QUESTION IS GOING TO BE: TO WHAT EXTENT IS THERE A
6 COLLABORATIVE PURSUIT IN DOING SO BETWEEN YOUR RESPECTIVE
7 OFFICES?

8

9 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, IN TERMS OF A TIMELINE, I THINK WE
10 ATTACHED THE TIMELINE TO THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY AS IT RELATES
11 TO GETTING THE R.F.I. OUT, WHICH I THINK WE'VE DISCUSSED A
12 LITTLE BIT. WE'RE ASKING THE STATE TO HAVE PROCUREMENT BY
13 NEGOTIATION. WE'VE ALREADY STARTED THAT. WE'VE HAD STAKEHOLDER
14 CONFERENCES. SO THE R.F.S.Q., THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT, IS
15 SUPPOSED TO GO OUT THIS MONTH. SO, I'M HOPING THAT WILL GO OUT
16 BY THE END OF THE MONTH. AND THEN THERE'S A TIMELINE WHICH
17 SHOWS THE PROPOSED CONTRACT START DATE WOULD BE JULY 2016.
18 FRANKLY, THAT IS A VERY, VERY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE. AS YOU
19 KNOW, CONTRACTING IN L.A. COUNTY IS PRETTY TOUGH. BUT I'VE
20 BEEN TOLD THAT THIS IS THE SCHEDULE THAT WE BELIEVE WE CAN
21 MEET. SO THAT WOULD ALLOW PROVIDERS, OR POTENTIAL PROVIDERS
22 TIME TO RESPOND, FOR US TO EVALUATE AND TO ACTUALLY GET A
23 CONTRACT BACK BEFORE YOUR BOARD. YOU'LL HAVE TO SIGN OR
24 APPROVE THOSE. BUT I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY FAST TRACK IN TERMS
25 OF THE PROCESS OF CONTRACTING WITH PROVIDERS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RELATED QUESTION IS: SO BY THE BEGINNING
3 OF THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR, WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE
4 ARE SEEING AND/OR EXPERIENCING NOW? WHAT WILL BE NEXT YEAR'S
5 HEADLINES, AS IT WERE? AND I DON'T MEAN HEADLINES IN TERMS OF
6 NEWS ARTICLES, PER SE. I JUST MEAN IN TERMS OF WHAT THE TAKE-
7 AWAYS WILL BE FOR THE BOARD, FOR THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS
8 THAT ARE INVOLVED, AND FOR THE PROVIDERS AND THE ADVOCATES.

9

10 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD
11 BE A BETTER SERVICE PROVIDED TO RELATIVES. THE HOPE WOULD BE
12 THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS,
13 EXCUSE ME, A LARGE NUMBER OF RELATIVES CARING FOR CHILDREN.
14 FRANKLY, 52 PERCENT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. 29
15 PERCENT, I BELIEVE, IS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, AND MANY
16 JURISDICTIONS HAVE ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF THEIR CHILDREN WITH
17 RELATIVES. SO I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE AT LEAST AT THAT LEVEL.
18 THE GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE HAVE PLACED
19 WITH RELATIVES. BUT I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THE
20 SERVICE THAT IS PROVIDED TO THE RELATIVES WITH A SURVEY. AND
21 EVEN THOUGH THERE'S SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SURVEY
22 FORMS TURNED BACK IN, 20 PERCENT IS A PRETTY GOOD NUMBER. IT'S
23 NOT NEARLY WHAT WE HAD HOPED, BUT IT WAS MORE THAN WHAT WE
24 THOUGHT WE MIGHT GET. BUT WE'D ALSO HAVE A NEW 800,
25 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, WARM LINE SO THAT RELATIVES CAN CALL US. IT

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1 WILL BE MANNED UP UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT. WE'LL SEE HOW
2 THAT WORKS TO PROVIDE SERVICE THAT CURRENTLY DOESN'T EXIST FOR
3 SOME OF THOSE RELATIVES.

4

5 **MICHAEL NASH:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS..

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE.

8

9 **MICHAEL NASH:** ..I FULLY EXPECT THAT THE OFFICE OF CHILD
10 PROTECTION WILL WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH D.C.F.S. AND OTHER
11 AGENCIES ON THIS ISSUE. THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, I HAVE ALWAYS
12 ADVOCATED FOR BETTER -- WELL, I ADVOCATED FOR THIS. I AGREE
13 WITH WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID EARLIER ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES,
14 THE BENEFITS OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN BEING WITH THEIR OWN
15 FAMILIES. THERE ARE NUMEROUS STUDIES THAT REFLECT THAT. IT'S
16 ALSO THE LAW, THAT THERE'S A PREFERENCE FOR PLACEMENT WITH
17 RELATIVES. AND SO I'VE ALWAYS ADVOCATED FOR ADEQUATE RESOURCES
18 TO IDENTIFY RELATIVES, TO LOCATE RELATIVES, TO EVALUATE THEM,
19 TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY CAN BRING TO THE TABLE NOT ONLY FOR THE
20 CHILDREN BUT ALSO THE PARENTS AND ULTIMATELY WHEN WE UTILIZE
21 THEM FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES, THAT THEY GET ADEQUATE SUPPORT.
22 SO IT IS MY INTENT TO WORK WITH D.C.F.S. TO LOOK AT EVERY
23 ASPECT OF THAT AND SEE HOW WE CAN IMPROVE IT.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I GUESS WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING TO GET TO
2 IS THIS. MAYBE I CAN SHARPEN THE QUESTION IN THE FOLLOWING
3 WAY. WHAT WILL BE STRUCTURALLY, ULTIMATELY, SYSTEMICALLY
4 DIFFERENT THAT WILL SUSTAIN BETTER OUTCOMES OR MORE OUTPUT IN
5 TERMS OF WHAT THESE CAREGIVERS ARE EXPERIENCING THAT THEN GETS
6 TRANSLATED TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE? WHAT
7 I THINK NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED ON -- I JUST ASKED MR. BROWNING,
8 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD -- IS WHAT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES ARE
9 THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE
10 CURRENTLY EXPERIENCE, WHICH MAY BE, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT,
11 CONSIDERED AD HOC OR AT THE LOWER END OF THE TOTEM POLE IN
12 TERMS OF THE PRIORITIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT -- THAT IS, WE
13 TALK ABOUT D.C.F.S. -- IS FOCUSING ON. HOW DO WE ELEVATE THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO
15 BE DONE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PAYOFFS PURSUANT TO THAT
16 ELEVATION WILL BE OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT? SO I THINK WHAT I'M
17 GRASPING FOR IS A GREATER SENSE OF WHAT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES
18 WILL BE SO THIS WORK IS SEEN AS PART AND PARCEL OF WHAT CAN
19 HAPPEN IN A WELL-RUN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
20 SERVICES AND/OR ITS PARTNER ENTITIES. I DON'T KNOW THAT I'M
21 FEELING THAT THAT'S LOCKED INTO IT. IT MIGHT TAKE SOME STEPS
22 TO GET THERE, AND I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO ACCEPT AND/OR AT
23 LEAST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. BUT I THINK WE HAVE SOME WORK TO DO IN
24 ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

25

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WE'LL HAVE A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY
2 PROVIDERS WHO WILL BE EMPOWERED TO ASSIST RELATIVES THAT DOES
3 NOT CURRENTLY EXIST. JUST LIKE MS. KAPLAN INDICATED, THERE ARE
4 A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT COMMUNITIES THAT THIS FUNDING
5 WILL ASSIST THEM TO SUPPORT RELATIVES, NOT ONLY TO FIND NEW
6 RELATIVES BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO KEEP THE RELATIVES THAT WE
7 HAVE IN PLACE. SO, I THINK YOU'LL SEE A VERY DIFFERENT, AFTER
8 THESE CONTRACTS ARE ESTABLISHED, SYSTEM OF SERVICES THAT WILL
9 BE AVAILABLE TO RELATIVES. SO, THEY'LL HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER
10 THAT THEY CAN CALL. THEY'LL HAVE A NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE
11 THAT'S IN THEIR AREA THAT THEY CAN CALL UPON AND IT WILL BE
12 MORE PROACTIVE WHERE THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WILL BE
13 IDENTIFYING THOSE RELATIVES AND ASSISTING THEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

16

17 **MICHAEL NASH:** ALL I CAN SAY IS I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE AN
18 ASSESSMENT OF THE WHOLE PROCESS OF HOW WE NOT ONLY, AS I SAID,
19 IDENTIFY AND LOCATE RELATIVES, HOW WE EVALUATE THEM, HOW WE
20 SUPPORT THEM. AND THAT GOES PART AND PARCEL WITH WHAT WE NEED
21 TO DO FOR ALL FOSTER PARENTS, MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE
22 ADEQUATE SUPPORT SO THEY CAN TAKE PROPER CARE OF THE CHILDREN
23 THAT ARE PLACED IN THEIR CARE FOR HOWEVER LONG A PERIOD OF
24 TIME THEY'RE WITH THEM. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE THING THAT THE

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1 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION CAN HELP D.C.F.S. DO OVER THE NEXT
2 SEVERAL MONTHS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, BOTH. MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU
5 FOR ALLOWING THOSE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. I TRUST THEY'LL BE
6 HELPFUL TO US ALL.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT
9 DURING OUR CONVERSATION AND HEARING THE WITNESSES, THERE'S A
10 LOT OF GOOD IDEAS. AND I KNOW THAT THOSE WILL BE INCORPORATED
11 IN THIS R.F.P. AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT SEEING THAT AND THE
12 PROGRESS. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ANXIOUS TO KNOW,
13 IS WHAT ARE GOING TO BE THE RESULTS OF THAT AND MAKING SURE
14 THAT WE HAVE GOOD METRICS TO ACTUALLY EVALUATE THAT, BECAUSE
15 WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT. AND PEOPLE ARE
16 EVEN TESTIFYING HERE TODAY SAYING THAT THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE
17 LOOKING AT IS NOT SUFFICIENT. SO WE DO NEED TO BE VERY MINDFUL
18 OF WHAT OTHER GRANTS, OPPORTUNITIES ARE OUT THERE, AS WELL,
19 AND TO BE ON TOP OF THAT. SO, I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
20 REPORT.

21

22 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN
25 MOVED BY KUEHL, SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. AND AMENDED, YES,

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1 AS STATED. VERY GOOD. NEXT ITEM, MEMBERS, IS R-3. WE HAVE OUR
2 ASSESSOR HERE, JEFFREY PRANG, AND OUR TAX TREASURER COLLECTOR,
3 JOSEPH KELLY, ON ITEM R-3, 32-B AND 32-C. THOSE WHO WISH TO
4 ADDRESS THE BOARD WILL BE GIVEN A SET ITEM TO ADDRESS THESE
5 ITEMS TOGETHER. OKAY. YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE APPRECIATE THIS UPDATE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT
8 ARE RESIDING IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA, BECAUSE AS OF JANUARY
9 30TH, WE'VE HAD NOW OVER 7,903 HOUSEHOLDS REQUESTING
10 RELOCATION. OF THOSE, 4,309 HAVE BEEN PLACED AND 2,135 ARE
11 STILL IN PROCESS. BUT DUE TO THIS DISRUPTION BY THE GAS LEAK
12 THAT HAS IMPACTED THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA, OUR OFFICE HAS
13 RECEIVED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE I.R.S., THE
14 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, THE PROPERTY TAX FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR,
15 AND WE'VE ASKED THE TAX ASSESSOR AND STAFF TO BE HERE TODAY TO
16 DETERMINE HOW WE CAN BEST ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. AND WE'D
17 LIKE TO HAVE THIS UPDATE, WHICH MR. PRANG WILL BE GIVING US,
18 BUT THE AUTHORITY YOU HAVE, HOW WE CAN ESTABLISH -- THERE ARE
19 OTHER RAMIFICATIONS, I SHOULD SAY. ONE, THE PROPERTY TAX BILL
20 THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY, THE ASSESSMENT ON THEIR HOME, BUT ALSO
21 MORTGAGES ARE BEING IMPACTED NOW THAT THEY'RE PAYING A
22 MORTGAGE ON A HOME THAT'S NO LONGER THE VALUE THAT IT WAS WHEN
23 THEY PURCHASED IT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. AND SO,
24 THEY'RE IN A CATCH-22 SITUATION. AND THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY
25 OWNERS WE KNOW CAN FILE FOR REASSESSMENT, BUT HOW COULD WE

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1 HELP THEM THROUGH THIS PROCESS? AND JUST GIVE US SOME
2 INFORMATION TODAY THAT WE CAN PASS ON AND YOU, AS WELL.

3

4 **JEFFREY PRANG:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU ALL
5 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU THIS MORNING AND SHARE
6 SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON REGARDING
7 ALISO CREEK. BECAUSE THIS ISSUE HAS MANY COMPLEX ELEMENTS,
8 I'VE ASKED MY ASSISTANT ASSESSOR, GEORGE REINKE, AND DIRECTOR
9 OF DISTRICT APPRAISALS, JENNIFER BUDZICK, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
10 MY STAFF WHO HAVE DETAILED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO JOIN ME TO
11 HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. FIRST, I JUST
12 WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE TREMENDOUS EMPATHY FOR THOSE WHOSE
13 LIVES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS LEAK. MANY HAVE FELT
14 COMPELLED TO VACATE THEIR HOMES AND SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO
15 ALTERNATE SCHOOLS, CAUSING TREMENDOUS INCONVENIENCE AND
16 UNCERTAINTY AND RESULTING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF
17 UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR THESE RESIDENTS IN TERMS OF FORCED
18 RELOCATION COSTS, FUEL, STRESS, WORRY, AND LOST TIME AT WORK.
19 AND I APPRECIATE THE FRUSTRATION THAT MANY HOMEOWNERS ARE
20 FEELING. THEY ARE PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON A HOME THAT THEY
21 HAVE VACATED. BUSINESSES ARE ALSO AFFECTED, CONFRONTED WITH A
22 LOSS OF CUSTOMERS AND DECLINING SALES REVENUE. WHILE I
23 RECOGNIZE THAT MY OFFICE MAY ONLY HAVE A MODEST ROLE IN THE
24 OVERALL GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE TO THIS ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, I
25 HAVE NEVERTHELESS DIRECTED MY OFFICE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL AND TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO PERFORM A
2 PROACTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE IMPACTED PROPERTIES,
3 DETERMINE IF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IS AVAILABLE TO HELP THOSE
4 AFFECTED. THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY APPROACHES WE ARE EVALUATING.
5 ONE IS CALLED A DECLINE IN VALUE, AND THE OTHER IS CALLED A
6 MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY. DECLINE IN VALUE IS ALSO KNOWN AS
7 PROPOSITION 8, AFTER THE 1979 BALLOT MEASURE. IT PROVIDES THAT
8 IN CASES WHERE THE MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FALLS BELOW
9 THE TRENDED BASE-YEAR ASSESSED VALUE, THE OWNER IS ENTITLED TO
10 A LOWER ASSESSMENT AND, THUS, A REDUCED PROPERTY TAX BILL.
11 UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, A DECLINE OF VALUE IS APPLIED AND THE
12 PROPERTY IS GRANTED A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN ASSESSED VALUE
13 WHEN THE PROPERTY LOSES ITS ASSESSED VALUE AS OF THE LIEN DATE
14 OF JANUARY 1ST. ONCE A REQUEST IS MADE, MY OFFICE REVIEWS THE
15 PROPERTY TO EXPERIENCE IF IT HAS INDEED EXPERIENCED A DECLINE
16 IN VALUE, AND IF A REDUCTION IS WARRANTED, THE PROPERTY'S
17 ASSESSED VALUE WILL BE LOWERED, THEREBY LOWERING THE PROPERTY
18 TAX BILL. THE RE-ASSESSED VALUATION WILL DEPEND ON THE
19 SPECIFIC FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, AS WELL AS THE UNDERLYING
20 TREND OF BASE YEAR VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY. THIS REDUCTION,
21 AGAIN, IS TEMPORARY, AND THE ORIGINAL BASE YEAR WILL BE
22 RESTORED AS THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY RECOVERS OVER TIME. FOR
23 DECLINE IN VALUE, APPRAISERS MUST EXAMINE COMPARABLE SALES IN
24 THE AREA TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT REAL ESTATE VALUES HAVE
25 INDEED DECLINED. WE HAVE ONLY RAW DATA ON THE REAL-ESTATE

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1 MARKET FOR JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND WE'LL NEED TO EVALUATE
2 FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS SUCH MARKET DATA BEFORE DRAWING ANY
3 EVALUATION CONCLUSIONS. BUT PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE
4 CAREFULLY ANALYZING THE MARKET IN THE IMPACT AREAS. WE
5 ANTICIPATE HAVING A BETTER IDEA OF HOW THE MARKET HAS BEEN
6 IMPACTED BY MID-YEAR. AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SINCE THE LONG-
7 TERM EFFECTS ARE UNKNOWN, DECLINE IN VALUE RELIEF MAY BE
8 INDICATED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, AS WELL. THE OTHER APPROACH TO
9 REASSESSMENT IN THE WAKE OF A MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY IS
10 CALLED MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY. AND TO QUALIFY, A PROPERTY IS
11 PHYSICALLY DAMAGED BY DISASTER, AND THE LOSS MUST EXCEED
12 \$10,000 OF CURRENT MARKET VALUE. TYPICALLY PROPERTY OWNERS
13 WILL SUBMIT A REQUEST BY MEANS OF AN APPLICATION REQUESTING
14 THAT THE ASSESSOR REVIEW THEIR PROPERTY FOR DECLINING VALUE OR
15 MISFORTUNE CALAMITY. HOWEVER, FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ALISO
16 CANYON GAS LEAK, I HAVE DIRECTED MY STAFF TO REVIEW ALL OF THE
17 PROPERTIES IN THE AFFECTED AREA FROM BOTH A DECLINE IN VALUE
18 AND MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY PERSPECTIVE. I THINK COMMON SENSE
19 SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY
20 IMPACTED IN REGARD TO THE PROPERTY VALUE. MANY HAVE CLEARLY
21 LOST THE VALUE OF THE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF THEIR HOMES, AND AS
22 SUCH, PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MAY BE INDICATED AND APPROPRIATE.
23 HOWEVER, AS AN ADMINISTRATOR CHARGED WITH THE APPLICATION OF
24 THE LAW, THERE ARE STRICT CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITS
25 PLACED UPON MY OFFICE AS WELL AS THAT OF THE TREASURER TAX

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1 COLLECTOR. AND WHILE IT IS MY INTENTION TO INTERPRET MY
2 DISCRETION AS BROADLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE LAW TO PROVIDE
3 ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED RESIDENTS, THE LEVEL OF TAX RELIEF
4 UNDER MY INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY MAY BE MINIMAL. SHOULD THERE BE
5 DESIRE TO PROVIDE GREATER RELIEF, SPECIAL LEGISLATION MAY BE
6 REQUIRED. AND I'VE ALREADY HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH LEGISLATORS
7 ABOUT SOME OF THE POTENTIAL OBSTACLES. I'M COMMITTED TO
8 CONTINUING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS TO
9 ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF AFFECTED BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS
10 ARE ADDRESSED. A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE MISFORTUNE CALAMITY
11 REVIEW. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER OR NOT A DISASTER HAS
12 OCCURRED. IT HAS. RATHER, THE QUESTION IS HOW TO QUANTIFY THAT
13 DAMAGE. IN A TYPICAL MISFORTUNE CALAMITY, A PROPERTY
14 EXPERIENCES VISIBLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE, SUCH AS THAT THAT
15 ACCOMPANIES A FLOOD, FIRE OR EARTHQUAKE. I THINK WE CAN ALL
16 AGREE THAT THERE'S PROBABLY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EVENT
17 THAT CAUSES THE FAMILY TO VACATE THEIR HOME, WHETHER IT BE
18 FROM A COLLAPSED ROOF OR FROM THE NEED TO VACATE DUE TO
19 LEAKING GAS. HOWEVER EXISTING LAW MAY EXCLUDE THE LATTER, AND
20 MY INITIAL REACTION IS THAT THE LAW MAY NEED TO BE AMENDED TO
21 ALLOW GREATER CLARITY IN EVALUATING MISFORTUNE CALAMITY CASES
22 SUCH AS THIS AS WELL AS THOSE IN OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS THE
23 EXIDE CASE OR THOSE IN CASES IN HINKLEY, CALIFORNIA OR IN
24 FLINT. I DO WANT TO SAY WITH RESPECT TO EXIDE, WHILE THE
25 GOVERNOR HAS NOT DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR PROPERTIES

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1 IMPACTED BY THE CONTAMINATION, I HAVE NEVERTHELESS DIRECTED MY
2 STAFF TO REVIEW PROPERTIES IN THE IMPACTED AREA FOR DECLINE IN
3 VALUE FOR THE 2016 LIEN DATE, WHICH MAY PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX
4 RELIEF FOR THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR. ONE OF THE POTENTIAL
5 BENEFITS, AS WELL, OF A MISFORTUNE CALAMITY APPLICATION THAT
6 WE'RE EVALUATING IS PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL. HOWEVER, WITH A
7 DEFERRAL REQUEST, PROPERTY OWNERS WILL NEED TO INDIVIDUALLY
8 SUBMIT BOTH AN APPLICATION FOR MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY AS WELL
9 AS ANOTHER FOR PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE
10 THAT THOSE WHO CURRENTLY PAY THEIR ACCOUNTS THROUGH AN IMPOUND
11 ACCOUNT ARE INELIGIBLE FOR TAX DEFERRAL. MEANWHILE, I WANT TO
12 CAUTION PROPERTY OWNERS THAT BOTH OF THESE REVIEWS TAKE TIME
13 TO COMPLETE. IT TAKES US A WHILE TO ASSEMBLE ALL THE REQUIRED
14 INFORMATION. I RECOGNIZE THAT FAMILIES ARE EXPERIENCING
15 HARDSHIPS. I WANT TO ASSURE EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THE GAS LEAK
16 THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO HELP PROPERTY
17 OWNERS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME,
18 AND WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC, MY OFFICE LINE IS 818-833-6000, OR YOU CAN FIND US AT
20 ASSESSOR.LACOUNTY.GOV ON THE WEB. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR
22 QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THE QUESTION AS WE DID DURING THE
25 TSUNAMI THAT WE HAD, WITH THE FLASH FLOODS AND THAT. WILL YOU

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1 HAVE A SATELLITE OFFICE ESTABLISHED OR AN HOUR, LET'S SAY A
2 SCHEDULED HOUR AND TIMEFRAME THAT THE PEOPLE THERE CAN GO TO
3 TO GET THIS INFORMATION?

4

5 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE HAVE AN OFFICE, A DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED IN
6 SYLMAR, NOT TOO FAR FROM THE AFFECTED AREA, AND THAT OFFICE IS
7 BUILDING UP RESOURCES NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS
8 THAT ARE COMING IN FROM THE COMMUNITY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THERE A ONE-STOP PROCESS THAT THEY CAN
11 GO THROUGH? CAN WE STREAMLINE IT HERE FOR YOU IF THERE ISN'T?

12

13 **JEFFREY PRANG:** CONTACTING OUR DISTRICT OFFICE DIRECTLY WILL --
14 ALL THE PEOPLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN SYLMAR HAVE ALL THE
15 INFORMATION NECESSARY TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT IS THE ONE-STOP
16 OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE WILL NOT BE A MOBILE OFFICE OUT
19 NEAR PORTER RANCH?

20

21 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT WE'LL NEED ONE AT THIS
22 TIME. BUT AS WE COLLECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WE MAY NEED TO
23 DISPATCH OUR PEOPLE INTO THE FIELD.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP EXIDE. I
3 KNOW THAT THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON
4 RIGHT NOW IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH'S ALLOWING ME TO EVEN SPEAK ALSO IN CONCERT ON
6 THIS, BECAUSE I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH
7 CAN BE DONE TO THE RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY EXIDE, BECAUSE
8 OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE ALSO IMPACTED BY PROPERTY AND OTHER BURDENS
9 THAT THEY'RE FACED WITH. SO, COULD YOU KIND OF DESCRIBE WHAT
10 MIGHT BE DONE?

11

12 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WELL, WE'RE RIGHT NOW STUDYING SALES AND
13 PROPERTY ACTIVITY FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS IN THE AREA
14 IMPACTED BY EXIDE. WE'RE GOING TO STUDY THOSE TO DETERMINE
15 WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE MARKET, TO DETERMINE WHETHER A
16 DECLINE IN VALUE IS APPROPRIATE. THERE'S A LOT OF VARIABLES.
17 IT'S PRETTY COMPLICATED. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT I'M
18 FINDING IN ANALYZING THE PORTER RANCH EPISODE IS THAT THE LAW
19 DOESN'T REALLY ANTICIPATE IMPACTS OF PROPERTY VALUE THAT ARE
20 NOT QUANTIFIABLE PHYSICAL DAMAGE, SUCH AS EARTHQUAKE, FIRE,
21 AND FLOOD. BUT WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE'S PROPERTY VALUES IMPACTED
22 BY EXIDE, THAT THEY ARE INDEED IMPACTED. AND WE MAY NEED TO
23 SEEK LEGISLATION TO BROADEN THE DEFINITION OF A MISFORTUNE AND
24 CALAMITY TO GIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
25 RELIEF. WE'LL BE WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE, AND WE'RE GOING TO

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1 BE PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION AS WE COLLECT IT DEALING WITH
2 THE EXIDE AREA.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO
5 UNDERSCORE, TOO, IS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF INDUSTRY THERE,
6 OBVIOUSLY IN THE CITY OF VERNON, AND THAT ALSO WILL HAVE A
7 DETRIMENTAL EFFECT IF SOME OF THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES THERE
8 ARE LEFT VACANT. AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH THAT? IT'S GOING TO BE
9 WE'RE GOING TO END UP LOOKING LIKE A FLINT, MICHIGAN OR
10 DETROIT, WHERE PEOPLE WILL NOT WANT TO GO. SO, I AM VERY
11 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND DO WANT TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICES TO
12 SEE HOW WE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR SOME OF THE PROGRAMS
13 THAT YOU ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE NOW THAT CAN BE SHARED. AND I
14 WOULD REALLY URGE WHATEVER EFFORTS YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT
15 AVAILABLE, ALSO ANY APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD FIT THE
16 COMMUNITY.

17

18 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THIS INCIDENT HAS EXPANDED OUR SCOPE IN HOW WE
19 VIEW THESE TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, AND WE WILL BE
20 LOOKING AT ALL OF THEM, WHEREVER THEY ARE, THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY, USING THE SAME YARDSTICK FROM HENCE FORWARD.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT A REPORT BACK ON
24 YOUR ASSESSMENT FOR EXIDE, BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU'RE UNDERTAKING
25 THAT NOW.

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2 **JEFFREY PRANG:** LET ME HAVE JENNIFER BUDZICK RESPOND TO THAT.

3

4 **JENNIFER BUDZICK:** IT WILL TAKE US A COUPLE OF MONTHS AS WE
5 LOOK FOR THE SALES COMPARISON IN THE AREAS AFFECTED BY EXIDE.
6 AND THAT WILL TAKE US INTO AT LEAST MARCH BEFORE WE HAVE
7 BETTER DATA.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU WILL ALSO LOOK OUTSIDE OF JUST
10 THE CITY OF VERNON BUT THE AFFECTED AREAS? WE HAVE SEVERAL
11 SOUTHEAST CITIES THAT ARE HEAVILY POPULATED THERE. SO HAVING
12 THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE GREAT.

13

14 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE'LL LOOK EVERYWHERE WHERE WE BELIEVE THAT THE
15 MARKET HAS BEEN IMPACTED. THERE IS A FEW SCENARIOS TO CONSIDER
16 WHERE RELIEF MAY NOT -- IT MAY SEEM INTUITIVE, BUT IT MAY NOT
17 UNDER THE LAW. IF YOU OWN YOUR PROPERTY FOR A VERY LONG TIME
18 AND YOU HAVE A LOW TAX BASE, YOUR PROPERTY MAY HAVE LOST
19 EQUITY, BUT IT MAY NOT HAVE REACHED THE POINT OF WHERE YOUR
20 TAX BASE IS. YOUR TAX BASE MAY STILL BE LOWER THAN YOUR MARKET
21 VALUE. SO, THAT WOULD -- SOME PROPERTY OWNERS MAY BELIEVE THAT
22 THEY'RE ENTITLED TO SOME TYPE OF RELIEF THAT MAY NOT BE
23 AVAILABLE TO THEM UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVING FORWARD, WE LOOK FORWARD TO
2 GETTING A REPORT ON THAT. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER? YES.

3

4 **JOSEPH KELLY:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO
5 ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. JOE KELLY, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.
6 WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH MR. PRANG AND PARTICULARLY THE
7 ASSESSOR, I'M SORRY, THE PORTER RANCH MATTER, AND WE ARE
8 SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A FAIR AMOUNT OF
9 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE RELOCATED. AND SO, WE TALKED LAST WEEK AND
10 TODAY ABOUT DOING THE TARGETED MAILING WITH THE SUBSTITUTE
11 BILL FOR FOLKS, HOPING THAT THEY HAVE THEIR MAIL FORWARDED, SO
12 THEY DON'T HAVE TO RE-ENTER THE COMMUNITY IF THEY'RE
13 UNCOMFORTABLE. AND WE'RE GOING TO COORDINATE WITH OUR SISTER
14 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AS NECESSARY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, I
15 SPOKE TO THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SHE'S
16 PREPARING A RETURN TO PORTER RANCH FLYER AND WE'LL INCLUDE
17 THAT IN OUR INFORMATION, AS WELL, AND WE'LL SET UP TARGETED E-
18 MAIL BOXES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SO WE CAN SPECIAL HANDLE
19 INQUIRIES THAT COME FROM THAT AREA. SO, I THINK IT'S BEEN A
20 GOOD COLLABORATION. I THINK WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD IN TERMS OF
21 HOW WE CAN HELP THE COMMUNITY.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT JUST DAWNS ON ME THE QUESTION THAT
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED ABOUT HAVING STAFF MORE LOCATED IN
25 THE STRATEGIC AREA THAT WOULDN'T BE COMPLICATED. I REALIZE

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1 THAT I THINK THE GAS COMPANY HAS MADE AVAILABLE SOME
2 CONFERENCE FACILITIES SO PEOPLE COULD GO AND GET LEGAL HELP OR
3 WHATEVER ASSISTANCE FROM. THE GAS COMPANY COULD IN OUR OFFICE,
4 ONE OF YOUR STAFF OR TWO STAFFERS OR WHATEVER IT TAKES, YOU
5 KNOW, CO-LOCATE AT THIS TIME JUST TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF
6 COVERAGE.

7

8 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE'D BE ABLE TO PROVIDE STAFF TO WORK AT THESE
9 LOCATIONS TO HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS.

10

11 **JOSEPH KELLY:** AND WE WOULD, AS WELL. I'M JUST REITERATING, A
12 FAIR AMOUNT OF RESIDENTS ARE NO LONGER LIVING IN THE AREA AND
13 THEY HAVE DISBURSED. SO, I MEAN, I THINK WE'D HAVE TO BE
14 SENSITIVE TO THE LOCATION OF THOSE MEETINGS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT I THINK WHERE PEOPLE ARE
17 CURRENTLY HELD UP IN HOTELS, WHAT HAVE YOU, YOU WANT TO BE
18 AVAILABLE. SO, I DON'T KNOW. THOSE ARE QUESTIONS THAT
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD HAVE.

20

21 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **JEFFREY PRANG:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, THIS IS
2 RECEIVED AND FILED. WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS BEFORE WE MOVE ON.
3 ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, AND MRS.
4 WARD, SHELA WARD, AND RUTH SARNOFF.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME -- PARDON? THIS IS ON THIS ITEM, OR..

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, BECAUSE I WANT TO DO AN ADJOURNMENT,
15 KATHLEEN BURNSLY, WIFE OF RON BROWN, PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY.
16 SO WE HAVE ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY, ALL BOARD MEMBERS ON THAT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
19 ORDER.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON.

22 ARNOLD SACHS. AND WE SEEM TO HAVE A DIFFERENCE SORT OF OPINION
23 HERE. PEOPLE TALK ABOUT A GAS LEAK AND A GAS STORAGE FACILITY.
24 YOU MENTION A BANK MORTGAGE. DO YOU THINK THE BANK TAKES A
25 RISKY POINT WHEN THEY RISK -- THEY GIVE OUT A BANK MORTGAGE

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1 OVER A GAS STORAGE FACILITY? DO YOU THINK THERE'S SOME RISK
2 INVOLVED IN THAT? BECAUSE THE GAS STORAGE FACILITY IS TWO
3 MILES LONG. IT'S LIKE OVER 4,000 ACRES. WHO PUT THE MORTGAGES
4 OUT THERE? WHO DID THAT WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS? YOU TALK
5 ABOUT YOUR MOTION IN JANUARY 19TH ABOUT THE HIDDEN CREEKS
6 PROJECT. SUPPOSE THIS GAS LEAK DIDN'T OCCUR. YOU'D HAVE
7 APPROVED THAT PROJECT, AND THEY'D BE BUILDING HOMES OVER A GAS
8 STORAGE FACILITY. GETTING BANK MORTGAGES. GETTING ALL THE
9 THINGS ACCOMPLISHED. YOU HAD SCHOOLS THAT BUILT THERE. DON'T
10 THEY HAVE TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT THAT WOULD
11 ASSESS THAT, HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE HAVE A NATURAL GAS STORAGE
12 FACILITY. AND BEFORE THAT, THEY DRILLED FOR OIL. THEY EMPTIED
13 OUT THE FACILITY. THEY EMPTIED OUT THIS NATURALLY OCCURRING
14 CAVERN AND DECIDED TO FILL IT WITH GAS. MAYBE THEY SHOULD HAVE
15 USED BOARD OF SUPERVISOR GAS. HERE'S AN ITEM FROM JANUARY 6,
16 2015. IT REFERS TO A LOT IMPROVEMENT FOR SUN CAL COMPANIES. ON
17 FEBRUARY 26, 2008, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTIFIED THE
18 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. 2008 THEY HAD THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND 2015 THEY'RE CERTIFYING THE
20 LOT, 185.5 ACRES IN THE UNINCORPORATED SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.
21 WHO FOLLOWS THAT? SO, YOU GUYS PUT THEM THERE. YOU GUYS WANT
22 THE BOARDS AND ALL THESE BOARDS TO LOOK AT TAKING DIRECTION.
23 AND EXIDE ISN'T ON THE AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL? YOU'RE SUPPOSED
24 TO SAY THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY YOU
25 NEED TO CONTINUE THAT FOR NEXT WEEK.

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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOUR TIME IS UP, AND IT WAS RELATED TO
3 THE ITEM.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT
6 WITNESS. ERIC PREVEN?

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8 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. WELL, OKAY, THIS IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE
9 THIRD DISTRICT. AND EXIDE -- YEAH, OKAY. WELL, FRANKLY, BUT IN
10 THE PUBLIC, YOU CAN BRING UP ANYTHING. THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF
11 IT, AS LONG AS IT'S RELATED. YOU KNOW, EXIDE IS WHERE YOU WERE
12 LAST WEEK AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. YOU WERE TRYING
13 TO ADVOCATE FOR THE GROUP IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE
14 EXPERIENCING ENVIRONMENTAL TORTURE FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME.
15 SO, IT IS NICE TO SEE PROFESSOR PRANG COME DOWN AND ASSURE
16 CONSTITUENTS OF MITCH ENGLANDER AND MIKE ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT
17 THAT THEY WILL BE -- THEY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ASSESS THEIR
18 PROPERTY VALUE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND HE CAME LAST WEEK TO
19 CITY HALL, BY THE WAY, PRANG DID, HE'S A BUSY LITTLE GUY. HE
20 WAS ROLLING OUT HIS VERSION OF THE YOU DNT HAVE TO MAKE SURE
21 YOU GET THE EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPERTY TAX THE HOMEOWNERS ARE
22 ENTITLED TO. AND YOU REMEMBER, HE DID THAT DOWN HERE, WHICH WE
23 ALL APPRECIATE. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS, WHEN YOU DO THE
24 RESEARCH, IT'S A \$6,000 OFF THE TOTAL PRICE OF YOUR HOME, AND
25 THEN THEY EVALUATE IT OFF THE \$6,000 LESS. SO, I DON'T WANT

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1 RESIDENTS TO GET TOO EXCITED ABOUT IT. BUT GETTING BACK TO
2 THIS POINT, BECAUSE I THINK THE MAYOR IS TAKING A GOOD, LONG,
3 LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THE CONSTITUENTS IN HIS COMMUNITY,
4 AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. ONE THING IS, IS THAT TONIGHT ON
5 FEBRUARY 2ND, MITCHELL ENGLANDER IS HOLDING A LEGAL RIGHTS
6 CONFERENCE WITH SEVERAL LAW FIRMS. FORTUNATELY THE KOREAN-
7 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE SAN FERNANDO BAR ASSOCIATION
8 --

9

10 **MARY WICKHAN, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS ISN'T RELATED TO THE ITEM.
11 SIR, THIS ISN'T RELATED TO THE ITEM.

12

13 **ERIC PREVIN:** BUT THEY MAY HAVE LEGAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
14 ASSESSORS' CONTRIBUTION, WHICH WE'LL GET A TRANSCRIPT OF
15 LATER, BECAUSE THERE'S NO ITEM ATTACHED, COUNSEL WICKHAM. AND,
16 BY THE WAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PAYING ATTENTION TODAY. AND
17 IN CONCLUSION, I JUST WANT TO REACH OUT FOR THE CONSTITUENTS
18 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT AND FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE
19 SUPERVISORS TO KNOW THAT WE DO CARE ABOUT THIS HORRIFYING
20 TRAGEDY AND THAT THE ONLY GOOD NEWS -- AND THERE'S VERY LITTLE
21 -- IS THAT NOBODY REALLY HAS DIED IN THIS CAUSE AND THAT WE
22 ARE GOING TO FIX THIS. THE PUBLIC WILL RESCUE THE FOLKS AND
23 GET THIS SQUARED AWAY SO THAT A MORE TRAGIC ACCIDENT DOES NOT
24 OCCUR. SO, THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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3 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M
4 APPALLED AT PORTER RANCH. YOU PEOPLE CAME TO MY LAND. YOU SAY
5 WE WERE SAVAGES AND THIS IS THE FUTURE. HOW IS IT THAT NO
6 ARRESTS HAS BEEN MADE? THOSE PEOPLE IN PORTER RANCH ARE UNDER
7 ATTACK. THEY CAN'T BREATHE GOOD AIR. THEY CAN'T GO TO THE
8 SCHOOL. HOW ARE THESE CHILDREN ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL? HOW ARE
9 THEY WASHING THEIR CLOTHES? THIS IS UNIMAGINABLE IN THE
10 FUTURE. OBVIOUSLY THIS LAND IS RUN BY, WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE?
11 SAVAGES. BECAUSE THIS SHOULDN'T HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE. AND
12 ALL I HEAR IN THE NEWS EVERY DAY IS BILL COSBY SOMETHING TOOK
13 PLACE. BUT YEARS AGO. BUT THIS IS NOT TALKING ABOUT WHO WAS
14 ARRESTED FOR PUTTING THIS POLLUTION IN THE AIR THAT'S ALSO
15 COMING INTO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SPREADING ALL OVER
16 THIS COUNTRY LIKE THE WATER THAT'S POLLUTED UNDER THE LAND.
17 PLEASE, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? WHY DO WE HAVE A BOARD? I
18 SHOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE TODAY DISCUSSING THIS. YOUR
19 INSPECTORS WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS EVENT WAY BEFORE
20 IT TOOK PLACE. THIS IS MY FUTURE. WHEN I DIE AND COME BACK, I
21 HAVE TO COME BACK TO A WORLD THAT'S POLLUTED? SOMEBODY NEEDS
22 TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND DO SOME STUDYING. AND I WANT TO HEAR
23 IN THE NEWS IF THE FUTURE WHO WAS ARRESTED, WHO WENT TO JAIL,
24 BECAUSE IF I RELEASED THAT MUCH GAS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, I
25 WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE NOW.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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4 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO MAKE THE
5 POINT TO YOU THAT PART OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW
6 IS SOME LEARNING AND GETTING SOME DATA. THE NEED FOR AN
7 INTENSIVE LOOK AT SOIL IN THE AREA WHICH MAY WELL HAVE A LOT
8 OF LEAD AND MANY OTHER ACCOUTREMENTS IN IT AS A RESULT OF THE
9 AIR EMISSIONS, AIR EMISSIONS DON'T JUST LEAVE NO TRACE. I
10 THINK THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE PEOPLE ON THOSE
11 RELOCATED, THOSE STILL THERE, EVERYBODY GETS TESTED FOR LEAD,
12 FOR BENZENE, FOR HYDROGEN SULFIDE POISONING, FOR A WHOLE
13 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT TAKE PLACE THAT ARE AROUND AND
14 ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. AT EXIDE, YOU WILL
15 REMEMBER THAT THE GRAND JURY WAS SET UP AND THERE WAS A CALL
16 IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO GET TESTING FOR LEAD. AND THERE
17 WAS NO INDICATION TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE APPROACHED TO GET THE
18 LEAD TESTING THAT EXIDE WAS A FACTOR. SO WHAT YOU HAD WAS YOU
19 HAD THIS MINUSCULE RESPONSE FROM A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF
20 PEOPLE, AND CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH IN THE PREGNANCY AND SMALL
21 INFANTS AND CHILDREN CATEGORY FOR THE GRAND JURY TO LOOK AT
22 ANYTHING, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DATA THERE. I WOULD BRING YOUR
23 ATTENTION TO THE LAST THREE DAYS, IT'S MAKING FRONT PAGE IN
24 THE TIMES, AND IF NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT IS PART OF SANTA
25 CLARITA VALLEY THERE, AND REASONABLY CLOSE, I THINK THAT OUGHT

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1 TO BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND LOOKED AT BEFORE THERE'S ANY
2 PERMITTING OF THAT TO GO FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, THIS
5 ITEM INCLUDES R-3, 32-B AND 32-C. AND IT IS MOVED AND
6 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM 13 IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IS NOT THE CORRECT THAT THIS
10 IS AN ITEM THAT IS TO BE CONTINUED?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CORRECT, YES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS BEFORE DOING SO.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS ISSUE FOR A
19 WHILE. IT WAS BROUGHT BACK IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR THAT THE
20 BOARD APPROVED A MOTION DIRECTING BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE
21 C.I.O. IN COORDINATION WITH THE COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO
22 REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING ELECTRONIC
23 HEALTH RECORDS INTO A SINGLE PLATFORM. I THINK THE QUESTION
24 TODAY IS HOW FAR WE'VE COME IN GETTING COMPLIANCE IN BEING
25 RESPONSIVE TO THAT BOARD MOTION. THAT WHICH IS BEFORE US

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1 DOESN'T QUITE GET US THERE. AND SO WHEN THIS DOES RETURN, I
2 WOULD HOPE THAT THE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES ARE PREPARED TO
3 ADDRESS THAT ACCORDINGLY. SO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATEMENT OF
4 WORK PART OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CONSOLIDATION SCOPE OF WORK,
5 WHICH IS IN PART BEFORE US, CAN WE HAVE A SHARPER RESPONSE TO
6 FINALIZING THAT BY THE TIME THIS RETURNS? I THINK THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTING CONTINUANCE, I THINK
8 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE IT RATHER CLEAR THAT ANY VENDOR
9 SELECTED RESPOND TO THE BOARD'S REQUEST FOR COUNTYWIDE
10 CONSOLIDATION AND NOT LIMIT THE DESIGN AND EXECUTION TO FOCUS
11 ON ONE OR TWO DEPARTMENTS. THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT THE MOTION OF
12 APRIL SOUGHT TO AVOID. THERE IS WISDOM PRESUMABLY IN MOVING
13 THINGS FORWARD INCREMENTALLY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, BUT THAT
14 HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE THRUST
15 OF THE EFFORT WAS. THERE IS A DESIRE TO HELP US GET OUR ARMS
16 AROUND OUR TECHNOLOGY, GENERALLY SPEAKING. AND IF IT'S BROKEN
17 UP IN THIS WAY, I THINK A CASE HAS TO BE MADE FOR WHY SUCH IS
18 SO RATHER THAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FULL SPIRIT AND INTENT OF
19 THE MOTION OF APRIL OF LAST YEAR. SO, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO
20 PUT ON THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION AND HOPE THAT THOSE WHO
21 PRESENT WHEN COMING BACK NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK AFTER, WHENEVER
22 IT IS BEING CONTINUED TO, MADAME CHAIR, THEY SHARPLY ADDRESS
23 THAT ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. YES, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER WANTS TO --

3

4 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** NO, I WAS JUST ASKING CLARIFICATION ON THE
5 CONTINUANCE. IS IT TWO WEEKS OR THREE WEEKS? WHAT WAS THAT?

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FEBRUARY 9TH.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THE REQUEST WAS FROM
10 THE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE WEEK.

11

12 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** ONE WEEK. OKAY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. OKAY, WE
15 HAVE SOME WITNESSES ON THIS ITEM. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
16 ARNOLD SACHS, AND SHEILA WARD.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
19 CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I'M GETTING SO UPSET EVERY TIME I SEE
20 CERNER OKAYED MENTIONED ANYWHERE OR WHATEVER OR GARTNER. WE
21 HAVE GIVE MORE MONEY TO THOSE PEOPLE THAN TO ANY OTHER GROUP
22 WE HAVE DEALT WITH. EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND, IT IS A MILLION
23 DOLLARS A YEAR, \$6 MILLION A YEAR. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT'S
24 ABSURD. AND EVEN NOW, NOT ALL THE PROGRAMS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE
25 LAUNCHED ARE WORKING. SOME HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN STARTED. SOME

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1 HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK TO 2017. WHEN IS THIS BLEEDING GOING TO
2 STOP? I MEAN, I JUST HOPE THAT YOU DEMAND AN AUDIT FOR HOW
3 MUCH MONEY WE HAVE SPENT. AND FOR NOW TO EXTEND THE CONSULTING
4 FEES WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY PAID MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND WE
5 SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO PAY A CONSULTANT TO REVIEW A CONTRACT
6 WHO HAD PAID MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HAVE DONE. THAT'S
7 ABSURD. WHAT'S GOING ON? I MEAN, SOMEBODY NEEDS TO LOOK AT
8 THAT. AND IT'S BECOMING ABSURD. IT'S NOT ALMOST A WEEK WHERE
9 WE DON'T GIVE ANY MORE MONEY. PLEASE DEMAND AN AUDIT FROM THE
10 BEGINNING OF THE DAY WE WROTE THE CONTRACT.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING -- OR, GOOD
15 AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND, JEEPERS, THIS RINGS A BELL. IT
16 WAS JUST ON LAST WEEK'S AGENDA. AND SO, I'M READING FROM YOUR
17 REPORT HERE. APPROVAL OF THE ENCLOSED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
18 FOR THE O.B. U.C.L.A. PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,985,000 WILL
19 INCREASE THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET TO \$26 MILLION. FUNDED BY
20 THE RE-ALLOCATION OF SAVINGS FROM THE FIVE COMPLETED ORCHARD
21 PROJECTS AND STILL WITHIN THE TOTAL BOARD-APPROVED ORCHID
22 PROJECTS OF \$68 MILLION. SO, READING THIS REPORT, YOU WOULD
23 THINK THAT THOSE FIVE PROJECTS OR SIX PROJECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN
24 PART OF THAT. BUT EVIDENTLY THIS PROJECT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
25 ISN'T PART OF THESE SIX PROJECTS. THIS IS ANOTHER PROJECT. SO,

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1 COULD YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MANY ORCHIDS YOU'VE GOT IN
2 YOUR GARDEN? I MEAN, IT WOULD REALLY HELP, BECAUSE YOU COULD
3 SAY YOU'RE SAVING MONEY WHEN YOU'RE SPENDING MONEY, WHICH IS
4 PRETTY MUCH WHAT YOU DO IF YOU FOLLOW SOME OF THE ACCOUNTING
5 PROCEDURES THAT GO ON IN THE COUNTY. YOU WENT THROUGH THIS --
6 AND BY THE WAY, DID THIS CONCLUDE THE ITEMIZED BILLING
7 SERVICES THAT WOULD BE ASKED ABOUT? OR IS THAT A DIFFERENT
8 PROJECT ALTOGETHER THAT WILL COST ANOTHER COUPLE HUNDRED
9 MILLION, A COUPLE OF MILLION, \$10 MILLION, 6, 7 FIGURES, WHO
10 KNOWS? THE COUNTY'S GOT MONEY. IT'S JUST THAT THEY DON'T WANT
11 TO SPEND IT ON THE PUBLIC. SO, AGAIN, HOW MANY ORCHIDS ARE YOU
12 TALKING ABOUT? HOW MANY PROJECTS ARE THERE? CAN WE GET AN
13 IDEA? YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SO FULL OF VIM AND VIGOR ABOUT ALL THE
14 THINGS YOU DO, LIKE WE JUST HEARD ALL YOU'RE DOING FOR THE 30
15 YEARS AT EXIDE. I MEAN IT'S ONLY BEEN AT EXIDE FOR 30 YEARS.
16 SO, MAYBE WE GOT 5 OR 10 -- OR HOW LONG DID YOU SAY, MS.
17 KUEHL? 6, 12 YEARS? WHO KNOWS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

20

21 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. MY
22 NAME IS CHIEF COMMANDER GODDESS EMPRESS AMBASSADOR
23 S.H.E.L.I.A.H. WARD, W.A.R.D. THE NAME IS GIVEN TO ME BY MY
24 CONTEMPORARIES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ORCHARDS. WHEN I CAME TO
25 THIS STATE IN 1970, THERE WERE FARMERS' MARKETS THAT A LOT OF

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1 MY PEOPLE HAD ALL OVER LOS ANGELES AND WATTS AND EVERYWHERE.
2 YOU TOOK THAT FARMERS MARKET AWAY TO REPLACE IT WITH THE
3 ORCHARDS FOR ORANGES SO THAT YOU -- I THOUGHT WE WERE IN
4 AMERICA, WHERE EVERYTHING IS SUPPOSED TO BELONG TO THE PEOPLE.
5 WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I LEARNED THIS
6 IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND NOW I'M SITTING HERE LISTENING TO
7 YOU PEOPLE AS OUR SUPERVISORS SAYING THAT YOU HAVE ORCHARDS
8 THAT YOU OWN? WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
9 WORKING THERE? WHY DIDN'T YOU REPLACE THE FARMERS' MARKETS AND
10 THE PEOPLE THAT WERE GROWING THESE ORANGES AND ET CETERA IN
11 COMPTON AND EVERYWHERE WITH -- WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE THEM MONEY?
12 YOU DIDN'T HAVE MONEY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
13 FOR YOURSELVES. WHAT IS YOUR SELF? YOUR SELF IS WE THE PEOPLE.
14 WHO IS PROFITING FROM IT? AND, PLEASE, PUT THE SEEDS BACK IN
15 THE ORANGES. IF YOU WILL MAKE SEEDLESS ORANGES, MAKE THEM FOR
16 YOU PEOPLE, BUT BLACK PEOPLE HAVE SOULS. WE HAVE TO EAT FOOD
17 AND FRUITS WITH SEED IN IT. BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, BUT YOU
18 DESTROY ALL THE FARMERS' MARKETS, BLACK AND WHITE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT DOES NOT DEAL WITH ORCHARDS. THIS DEALS
21 WITH A COMPUTER SYSTEM.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I.T. SYSTEM. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
24 GOING TO COME BACK FEBRUARY THE 9TH. SO, LET'S MOVE ON TO THE
25 NEXT ITEM. WE HAVE ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I BELIEVE.

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'M NOT SURE
3 WHETHER THE MAKER OF THE MOTION WANTS TO PRESENT THIS ITEM. I
4 SIMPLY WANTED TO ASK FOR A BIFURCATION IN THE VOTE ON THE
5 VARIOUS SECTIONS. SO, PERHAPS WE WOULD WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE
6 MOTION FIRST AND THEN I WOULD ASK FOR BIFURCATION AND SPEAK TO
7 THE REASON THAT I OPPOSE ONE PORTION OF THE MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM NO. 7, THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ON THE MOTION ADD THE TREASURER
12 TAX COLLECTION AGENCIES WHO WOULD WORK WITH THE REPORT FOR THE
13 REPORT BACK.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO HAVE A READ-IN AMENDMENT, A
16 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT ASKS TO "DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
19 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR AND
20 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE
21 POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON RESIDENTS OF BANNING OR REGULATING
22 MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY
23 TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS
24 AND REPORT BACK WITH THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY. THE STUDY
25 SHOULD ALSO ESTIMATE POTENTIAL REVENUES TO THE COUNTY THAT

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1 MIGHT RESULT FROM THE LICENSURE AND TAXATION OF MEDICAL
2 MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY TESTING AND
3 DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES. THIS IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. OKAY.
4 SO, IT IS. YES.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, JUST TO BE CLEAR, TWO THINGS THAT I WAS
7 THINKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THIS MOTION, FIRST OF ALL, IT'S
8 STUDYING IMPACTS, WHENEVER WE TALK ABOUT IMPACTS, I'D LIKE US
9 TO ALWAYS OR TO ADD THAT WE LOOK AT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS,
10 BECAUSE THE GROWTH OF ANY PLANTS OR CROPS AFFECTS US, AS WE
11 SAW WE WENT THROUGH THE WHOLE VINEYARDS QUESTION, ABOUT THE
12 USE OF WATER. I KNOW THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CROPS THAT'S ALWAYS
13 TREATED QUITE SPECIALLY. BUT OVERALL, I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO
14 LOOK AT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ITS GROWTH. AND IF WE WERE
15 GOING TO ALLOW CULTIVATION DOWN THE LINE, THAT WE HAVE THE
16 SAME KIND OF SAFEGUARDS ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF WATER,
17 PESTICIDES, AND ALL OF THAT, JUST TO ADD ENVIRONMENTAL IN THE
18 IMPACTS. THE OTHER THING IS, IN ASKING FOR A BIFURCATION IN
19 THE VOTE, I'M LOOKING PARTICULARLY AT THE PART OF THE MOTION
20 THAT WOULD BAN MOBILE DELIVERY. AND THE REASON THAT I ASKED
21 FOR BIFURCATION IS THAT I WISH TO VOTE NO ON BANNING MOBILE
22 DELIVERY, BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH LEGAL
23 RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY HAVE GLAUCOMA, PEOPLE LIVING WITH
24 A.I.D.S., ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GOING AND PICKING UP
25 ANY KIND OF PRESCRIPTIONS, AND I THINK MOBILE DELIVERY IS A

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1 VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THEIR HEALTHCARE. SO I WOULD NOT
2 SUPPORT A BAN ON MOBILE DELIVERY.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD ALSO AGREE WITH THAT, BECAUSE
5 I THINK IT DOES INTERFERE WITH INDIVIDUALS' HEALTH NEEDS AND
6 CARE AND UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SO I WOULD SUPPORT
7 THAT. YEAH, SEPARATING THAT. OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
8 THIS ITEM. SO, WE HAVE ARLES BENAVIDES, IDALIA GAITAN, DOLORES
9 RUIZ, ARNOLD SACHS.

10

11 **ARLES BENAVIDES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ARLES BENAVIDES WITH
12 S.P.I.R.I.T. FAMILY SERVICES AND ALSO WITH RETHINKING ACCESS
13 TO MARIJUANA WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
14 MARIJUANA ACCESSIBILITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, WE THANK
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR PUTTING THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA.
16 IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND JUST WANTED TO READ
17 SOME PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS POSITIONS ON MEDICAL
18 MARIJUANA. AND, SO, FOR INSTANCE, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY,
19 ALTHOUGH IT IS SUPPORTIVE OF MORE RESEARCH INTO THE BENEFIT OF
20 CANNABIOIDS, BETTER AND MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT ARE NEEDED TO
21 OVERCOME THE SIDE EFFECTS OF CANCER AND TREATMENT. THE
22 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DOES NOT ADVOCATE THE USE OF INHALED
23 MARIJUANA OR THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. IN ADDITION, THE
24 AMERICAN GLAUCOMA FOUNDATION, QUOTE, "MARIJUANA OR ITS
25 COMPONENTS ADMINISTERED SYSTEMATICALLY CANNOT BE RECOMMENDED

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1 WITHOUT A LONG-TERM TRIAL WHICH EVALUATES THE HEALTH OF THE
2 OPTIC NERVE. ALTHOUGH MARIJUANA CAN LOWER THE I.O.P., ITS SIDE
3 EFFECTS AND SHORT DURATION OF ACTION COUPLED WITH THE LACK OF
4 EVIDENCE THAT ITS USE ALTERS THE COURSE OF GLAUCOMA PRECLUDES
5 RECOMMENDING THIS DRUG IN ANY FORM FOR THE TREATMENT OF
6 GLAUCOMA AT THE PRESENT TIME." SO, I WOULD LEAVE THIS HERE FOR
7 THE SUPERVISORS TO TAKE A LOOK AT, PUBLIC HEALTH
8 ORGANIZATIONS' POSITION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA. AND WE'RE
9 WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY ON PREVENTING ACCESS TO YOUTH. SO,
10 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CULTIVATION AND
11 OTHER FORMS OF ACCESS BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

14

15 **DOLORES RUIZ:** HELLO, I'M DOLORES RUIZ. I AM PART OF
16 S.P.I.R.I.T. FAMILY SERVICES. I HAVE BEEN WITH THIS
17 ORGANIZATION FOR 26 YEARS PROVIDING SERVICES IN SUPERVISORIAL
18 DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 4. I'M A MOTHER ALSO. AND I WANT TO
19 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR INTRODUCING THIS. AS A MOTHER,
20 I'M CONCERNED. AS A PROFESSIONAL, I AM CONCERNED, BECAUSE I
21 SEE THAT WHEN WE PROVIDE ACCESS, AND WE LEARNED THIS WITH A
22 GREAT MOVEMENT OF BEING MORE HEALTHY, AND EVERYBODY IS TALKING
23 ABOUT PROVIDING HEALTHY FOODS. AND IF THE ACCESS IS GREAT,
24 THEN MORE LIKELY WE'RE GOING TO BE EATING HEALTHY FOODS. THE
25 SCHOOLS AREN'T CHANGING THEIR MENU. SO I SEE -- MY CONCERN IS

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1 THAT WITH MOBILE DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA WITH THE
2 DISPENSARIES, WE'RE OPENING ACCESS FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT ILL.
3 I AM AWARE OF A NEED FOR RELIEF OF THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED. BUT
4 OUR KIDS, OUR YOUTH, ARE VERY, VERY CREATIVE. THEY KNOW THEY
5 CAN GET THOSE CARDS. THEY KNOW THEY CAN GET THE MARIJUANA.
6 THEY'RE STANDING OUTSIDE. THERE ARE DISPENSARIES CLOSE TO THE
7 SCHOOL. GO TO SOUTH WHITTIER. LOOK AT THE TELEGRAPH AND
8 CARMENITA. THERE IS ONE RIGHT THERE BY THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AND
9 THE KIDS ARE HIDING UP IN THE PARKING LOT WAITING FOR THE
10 ADULTS TO COME OUT AND PROVIDE THEM MARIJUANA. MORE ACCESS
11 WILL INCREASE THE USE. SOME OF US GREW UP BELIEVING THAT THE
12 RISK OF MARIJUANA WAS HIGH, AND WE WERE AFRAID TO USE IT. THE
13 MORE DECREASE ABOUT RISK AND USING MARIJUANA, THE MORE ACCESS.
14 I'VE SEEN THE AGES DECREASING FROM TEENS, 13-YEAR-OLDS, TO NOW
15 9-YEAR-OLDS. THAT'S SCARY. IN 26 YEARS, I WISH I CAN BRING THE
16 VOICES OF THE PARENTS THAT I SEE TRYING TO RAISE GOOD KIDS.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

20

21 **IDALIA GAITAN:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IDALIA GAITAN.
22 I'M WITH S.P.I.R.I.T. FAMILY SERVICES. I'M A PREVENTION
23 SPECIALIST THERE AND ALSO A YOUTH GROUP FACILITATOR AND I'M
24 ALSO HERE AS PART OF R.A.M. AND I'M ALSO A PARENT. I WORK WITH
25 THE YOUTH GIRLS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOLS AND DURING

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1 CERTAIN DISCUSSIONS, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR IDEAS ABOUT
2 MARIJUANA AND THEY HAVE ALL EXPRESSED THAT IT IS A DRUG OF
3 CHOICE AND THAT IT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE. SO, THIS IS A CONCERN
4 BECAUSE ALLOWING ANY SORT OF CANNABIS BUSINESS IN THEIR
5 NEIGHBORHOODS INCREASES THE ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY TO THEM.
6 AND THEY'RE YOUNG. THERE ARE YOUTH. WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM,
7 GIVE THEM A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, AND INCREASING THE ACCESS AND
8 AVAILABILITY TO THEM IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OTHER WITNESSES I'D LIKE TO
11 CALL FORWARD, AS WELL. ERIC PREVEN, GILBERT MORA, YOU EUNISSES
12 HERNANDEZ, ARMANDO GUDINO, DARREL CRUZ. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
15 SACHS. AND I'M NOT REALLY GOING TO ADDRESS THE MEDICAL
16 MARIJUANA. WHAT I'M GOING TO ADDRESS IN THIS ITEM IS THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING
18 COMMISSION. AND THE REASON I WOULD ADDRESS THOSE AGAIN GOES
19 BACK TO THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FROM JANUARY
20 19TH REGARDING THE HIDDEN CREEKS PROJECT. IT MENTIONS IN THIS
21 MOTION THE AREAS IS COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AND WITHIN THE CITY
22 OF LOS ANGELES'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. GOT ME WITH THAT SPHERE
23 OF INFLUENCE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE WISDOM OF THE BOARD AND
24 THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING,
25 THAT THOSE HOMES WOULD NOT BE IN PORTER RANCH ON TOP OF THAT

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1 GAS STORAGE FACILITY EXCEPT FOR THE SPHERE OF LOS ANGELES, THE
2 INFLUENCE OF THE SPHERE OF LOS ANGELES. MAYBE THERE ARE
3 STONERS IN LOS ANGELES. WHO KNOWS? BUT IF YOU DON'T ADDRESS
4 THAT SPHERE, THEN REALLY YOU'RE JUST RUNNING IN PLACE, BECAUSE
5 THEY CAN GET THE MARIJUANA CLINICS TO SAY YOU INCORPORATED US
6 INTO YOUR CITY. AND, VOILA! THEY'RE LEFT USELESS. BECAUSE
7 THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED HERE WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS. THEY WERE
8 DEVELOPED. AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES INCORPORATED THEM INTO
9 THE CITY, BECAUSE IT WAS UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND YOU HAD NO
10 INFLUENCE AT ALL OVER ANY OF THAT DEVELOPMENT OR ANYTHING THAT
11 HAPPENED. AND THESE POOR PEOPLE NOW ARE STUCK. THE MEDICAL
12 MARIJUANA INDUSTRY. MAYBE THEY COULD TURN IT INTO CULTIVATION
13 FIELDS IN PORTER RANCH. IT WAS GRAZING LAND. WHY NOT GROW POT?
14 THERE'S A REVENUE ENHANCEMENT FOR THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY SEAL.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP FOR NEXT WITNESS.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
19 DISTRICT. AND OBVIOUSLY THE MAYOR IS TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE
20 MOTION MAKER TODAY IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FROM MR.
21 BRUCKNER, WHO IS GOING TO BE INSURING THE MARIJUANA, BOTH THE
22 DISTRIBUTION, THE CULTIVATION, THE MANUFACTURING, AND OF
23 COURSE THE LABORATORY TESTING IS GOING TO BE PUT UNDER HIS
24 PURVIEW FOR THIS LOOK BACK. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT MR.
25 BRUCKNER IS NOT GETTING THE MUNCHIES AS ANY KIND OF AN

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1 UNFORTUNATE MANNER DURING THIS EXPLORATION, BECAUSE HE DOES
2 HAVE A LOT OF IMPORTANT WORK TO DO FOR THE VARIOUS
3 SUPERVISORS. SO, THE ONE THING ABOUT MARIJUANA THAT EVERYBODY
4 HAS KNOWN NOW FOR DECADES IS THAT IT IS THE KIND OF DRUG THAT
5 OFTEN GETS ATTACKED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT TYPES AS THE GATEWAY
6 AND ALL SORTS OF TROUBLING THINGS. BUT THERE IS A TREND ACROSS
7 THE COUNTRY AWAY FROM THAT IDEATION, BECAUSE IN FACT IF WE
8 WERE REALLY CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY, AS I
9 THINK ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUPERVISOR
10 KUEHL, WHO IS CONSULTING HER FIRST AMENDMENT, WOULD REALIZE
11 THAT IN FACT ALCOHOL IS A FAR MORE WORRISOME AVAILABILITY
12 THING, AND YET THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING OUR
13 HONORABLE CHAIR, IS REGULARLY INVITING 7-ELEVEN, SINCE THEY'VE
14 DONE SUCH A NICE JOB WITH THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, TO ADD
15 THE LIQUOR. AND I JUST FINE -- AND THE CITY OF HALL, THEY ARE
16 CRAZY, THEY ARE TRULY CRAZY. THEY KEEP HANDING OUT LIQUOR
17 LICENSES. SO, WHAT I WOULD SAY IS LET'S TRY TO DO THE RIGHT
18 THING. LET'S NOT START CREATING RULES AND LAWS -- NOW, TO BE
19 FAIR, WE SHOULD SET IT UP SO THAT IF A VENUE IS ILLEGALLY
20 OPERATED AND IT'S NEAR A SCHOOL OR CHILDREN, OF COURSE, SIR,
21 WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO RELOCATE THAT IN SOME WAY. BUT THE IDEA
22 THAT SOMEHOW WE ARE GOING TO ERADICATE MARIJUANA IS AN OLD
23 IDEA. IT'S AN OLD IDEA THAT HAS NOT WORKED, AND IT HAS COST
24 THE TAXPAYERS AND THE PUBLIC A FORTUNE. SO, I WOULD HOPE THAT
25 THIS IS ALL IN THE SPIRIT OF JUST GETTING IT AWAY FROM THE

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1 YOUNG KIDS WHO ARE MAYBE A LITTLE VULNERABLE. AND REMEMBER,
2 THEY'RE NOT IN TROUBLE LIKE THEY ARE WITH ALCOHOL. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **ARMANDO GUDINO:** THANK YOU, ARMANDO GUDINO WITH THE DRUG POLICY
7 ALLIANCE. FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FAILED
8 ITS CONSTITUENTS IN ENSURING THE LANDMARK INITIATIVE THAT
9 FIRST LEGALIZED MEDICAL MARIJUANA WAS PROPERLY AND RESPONSIBLY
10 REGULATED. IN 2015, THE STATE'S ELECTED OFFICIALS TOOK A GIANT
11 STEP FORWARD IN REGULATING THE STILL EMERGING INDUSTRY AND DID
12 SO ON THE EVE OF POSSIBLE LEGALIZATION FOR RECREATIONAL ADULT
13 USE THIS VERY YEAR. LIKE A UTILITY BILL IGNORED JUST BEFORE
14 THE TECHNICIAN ARRIVES TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS, TODAY LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENTS ARE ACTING WITH HASTE AND ARE DOING SO THROUGH NEW
16 FORMS OF PROHIBITION AND OTHER IRRESPONSIBLE AND AT TIMES
17 CREATIVE REGULATIONS THAT FURTHER MAINTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE
18 UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND KEEP THE ILLICIT MARKET ALIVE. AT THIS
19 VERY MOMENT, AS WE SPEAK, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN HAS UNDER
20 CONSIDERATION CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 21, WHICH BUILDS ON AND
21 FIXES THE EXISTING REGULATORY LAWS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
22 LICENSES, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE EXISTING PROVISION
23 WHICH CALLS FOR A DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2016, FOR LOCAL
24 GOVERNMENTS TO PUT IN PLACE LICENSING AND REGULATORY MODELS,
25 MOST OF WHICH ARE NOT DOING SO AND ARE INSTEAD PROHIBITING

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1 AND/PASSING BANNING ORDINANCES INSTEAD OF RESPONSIBLE
2 REGULATION. TO DATE, NEARLY 150 LEGAL JURISDICTIONS,
3 JURISDICTIONS STATEWIDE, ARE USING THIS FORM OF LAW OR THE
4 ABSENCE OF LAW, WHICH IS IN EFFECT MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO.
5 THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE IS ENCOURAGED BY THOSE CITIES WILLING
6 TO PAY THEIR BILLS IN A TIMELY MANNER, BUT WE ARE VERY
7 CONCERNED WITH THIS BODY'S INTENT TO JOIN THE OTHER NEARLY 150
8 LOCALITIES IN PASSING THE BUCK AND NOT PUTTING FORWARD
9 REGULATIONS. WE THEREFORE CALL ON THE COUNTY TO FIRST AND
10 FOREMOST CONSIDER IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPING LOCAL REGULATIONS.
11 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE LAWS HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED. THE LAWS
12 HAVE BEEN WRITTEN. START REGULATING, AND STOP PASSING THE
13 BUCK. IF IN FACT YOU SO CHOOSE TO PASS ANY TEMPORARY BAN, THAT
14 IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE. ALL PROPOSED BANS WITHIN THE
15 INITIATIVE MUST HAVE THE SAME LIMIT AS ANY OTHERS. DON'T TREAT
16 THE ISSUES DIFFERENTLY. I APPLAUD SHEILA KUEHL'S RECOGNITION
17 OF A DELIVERY CONCERN.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **DARRYL CRUZ:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DARRYL CRUZ,
22 AND I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF A BAN ON GROWING. ON MARCH 28, 2006, I
23 ASKED YOU TO REGULATE CANNABIS. AND WHEN YOU DIDN'T, ON MAY 9,
24 2006 I TOLD YOU ABOUT MY OPERATION. AND RECENTLY I'VE TALKED
25 TO RICHARD SAKORIS WITH THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SOMETIME

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1 LAST YEAR, AND HE SAID THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE SITUATED LIKE ME
2 THAT ARE GROWING MARIJUANA FOR SICK PEOPLE NOW. AND I
3 WONDERING IF YOU PUT A BAN ON IT, AM I GOING TO HAVE TO STOP
4 MY CURRENT OPERATIONS? I'D RATHER YOU REGULATE IT, BUT NOT THE
5 WAY YOU REGULATED MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. IN MAY OF 2005, DON
6 KNABE'S OFFICE SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO MY DISPENSARY LOCATION
7 AND STATED THAT THE SUPERVISORS ASKED ME NOT TO OPERATE MY
8 DISPENSARY AND THAT I SHOW UP HERE FOR A MEETING ON THE
9 MORATORIUM. WHEN I SHOWED UP, ANOTHER OPERATOR, WHO HAD
10 PROMISED NOT TO OPERATE, ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS OPERATING. HE
11 GOT TO OPERATE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS. A YEAR LATER, KNABE'S
12 OFFICE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT I WASN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
13 MY DISPENSARY AT THIS LOCATION AND THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE AN
14 OPERATION WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE RULES. AND THEN NOVEMBER 20 OF
15 LAST YEAR, 75 DAYS AGO, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DON KNABE'S
16 OFFICE WENT TO THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE MY DISPENSARY WAS
17 SUPPOSED TO BE LOCATED IN 2005 AND HE WALKED INTO A DISPENSARY
18 THAT WAS THERE. AND I'M WONDERING WHY YOU'RE NOT FOLLOWING THE
19 NOVEMBER 23, 2010 GUIDELINES ON THE BAN? WHY DO YOU HAVE 75
20 MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES WHEN THERE'S A BAN ON MARIJUANA
21 DISPENSARIES, AND WHEN CAN I GET MINE?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. WE HAVE
24 TYLER STRAUS. WE HAVE ALSO SHELIAH WARD AND RUTH SARNOFF. GO
25 AHEAD. STATE YOUR NAME.

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2 **TYLER STRAUS:** MY NAME IS TYLER STRAUS. I RECENTLY MOVED INTO
3 THE FIRST DISTRICT. SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M NOW ONE OF YOUR
4 CONSTITUENTS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
5 BRINGING THIS ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. ALSO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
6 I APPRECIATE YOU SEPARATING THESE ISSUES, BECAUSE I THINK THAT
7 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE
8 EFFORTS THAT THE BOARD IS TAKING TO STUDY THIS ISSUE. I WOULD
9 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO PUT A DEADLINE IN ORDER TO BE
10 CONSIDERATE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS
11 PEOPLE'S HEALTH. I CANNOT SUPPORT THE BAN ON MOBILE DELIVERIES
12 FOR PRECISELY THE REASON THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL ARTICULATED. I
13 BECAME INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE FOR VERY PERSONAL REASONS. MY
14 FATHER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BRAIN CANCER, AN INCURABLE FORM OF
15 BRAIN CANCER, AND FOR TWO YEARS, I WATCHED HIM DIE. AND THE
16 ONLY THING THAT PROVIDED HIM WITH RELIEF WAS MEDICAL
17 MARIJUANA. AND AT THE TIME, WE DIDN'T HAVE READY ACCESS TO
18 DISPENSARIES. I WAS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON EITHER MY OWN
19 LIMITED GROWING ABILITIES OR ON THE COMPASSION OF GROWERS,
20 SUCH AS THE GENTLEMAN WHO JUST SPOKE, WHO WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE
21 ME AND MY FAMILY THE MEDICINE THAT WE USED TO GIVE MY FATHER
22 THE GRACE AND DIGNITY THAT EVERYONE DESERVES WHEN THEY'RE
23 FACING THE END OF LIFE. AND I TELL PEOPLE THE GREATEST
24 TESTAMENT TO MEDICAL CANNABIS WAS A VERY LARGE BAG OF DRUGS
25 THAT WERE PROVIDED TO US BY DOCTORS, PHARMACISTS, THAT WE

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1 NEVER HAD TO USE, BECAUSE ALL OF MY FATHER'S SYMPTOMS WERE
2 WELL MANAGED BY ONE SINGLE PLANT THAT I WAS ABLE TO GROW IN MY
3 BACKYARD. THAT PLANT WAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA. AND IF YOU ADOPT
4 AN ORDINANCE TODAY BANNING MOBILE DELIVERIES, THEN YOU WOULD
5 FORCE ME -- YOU WOULD HAVE FORCED ME TO BREAK THE LAW, BECAUSE
6 I CAN ASSURE YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT BAN OR NO BAN, I
7 WOULD HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO BRING MY FATHER THE
8 RELIEF THAT HE NEEDED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **SHEILAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I
14 ORIGINALLY HELPED A SISTER CALLED PEACHES SOMAYA -- SHE'S
15 DECEASED TODAY -- ORGANIZE WHAT YOU CALL TODAY MEDICAL
16 MARIJUANA. THE REASON WE DID IT IS BECAUSE MY PEOPLE WERE
17 UNDER ATTACK. THIS IS OUR NATURAL WAY OF HEALING, INDIANS IN
18 THIS COUNTRY, BEFORE YOU PEOPLE EVER CAME. NOBODY EVER DIED OF
19 DISEASES AND PAIN AND SORROW THE WAY WE DO TODAY. MEDICAL
20 MARIJUANA IS HERE FOR YOUR BRAIN TO HELP YOUR THINKING.
21 MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS HERE TO HELP YOU IF YOU CAN'T EAT. LIKE I
22 WAS ATTACKED BY M.T.A. AND I COULDN'T EAT FOR THREE MONTHS.
23 I'M IN MY BED. I COULDN'T MOVE. THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA HEALED
24 ME. NOT A DOCTOR. NOT PILLS. I KNOW THAT I'M 65 YEARS OLD.
25 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE THE WORST THING YOU PEOPLE EVER CREATED.

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1 WHEN I TOOK MEDICATION FROM THE DOCTORS, I LOOKED LIKE AN OLD
2 HAG. REVIEW MY VIDEO SOMETIME AGO. YOU'LL SEE AN OLD-LOOKING
3 SOMEBODY. WHEN I STOPPED AND WENT AND GOT MY MEDICAL MARIJUANA
4 PAPERWORK, AND I TAKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TODAY. WHY? I CAN CALM
5 DOWN AFTER BEING TOLD THAT YESTERDAY IN COURT THAT I HAVE TO
6 BE THE ONE PUNISHED FOR M.T.A. DESTROYING MY LIFE, I WAS ABLE
7 TO SMOKE A MEDICAL MARIJUANA JOINT AND CALM DOWN AND COME HERE
8 TODAY AND DEAL WITH YOU PEOPLE INSTEAD OF GOING AROUND WITH
9 THE PEOPLE THAT WANT ME TO HAVE A POWWOW WITH THEM AND BURN
10 THE WORLD DOWN. SO READDRESS WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE,
11 BECAUSE ALCOHOL IS WORSE THAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA. YOU NEED TO
12 TAKE CARE OF WHERE YOU BUY ALCOHOL. GET RID OF THAT. WHERE YOU
13 BUY DRUGS. GET RID OF THAT. AND THEN THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD
14 CHANGE AND BE A BETTER PLACE FOR US TODAY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

17

18 **RUTH SARNOFF:** THAT'S A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW HERE. RUTH SARNOFF.
19 I AGREE THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE TAKEN UP AT THIS TIME. I WANT TO
20 AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL THAT, YES, ON THE MOBILE DELIVERY,
21 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT COULD NOT BE SERVED. I WANT TO DEAL
22 WITH ANOTHER ASPECT THAT I THINK HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED IN THE
23 PREVIOUS -- BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS. AND THAT IS THE QUESTION
24 OF WHAT KIND OF SOIL WE RAISE MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA
25 IN. IF YOU HAVE ORGANICALLY -- IF YOU HAVE ORGANIC SOIL THAT

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1 HAS NO PESTICIDES OR FUNGICIDES IN THE SOIL, YOU HAVE THIS
2 WONDERFUL THING AND YOU CAN TAKE IT IN YOUR HAND AND IT'LL BE
3 FULL OF WORMS AND BUGS AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF FUNGUS AND YOU
4 CAN CRUMBLE IT APART. IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE MUD WHEN YOU ADD A
5 LITTLE WATER TO IT. IT HOLDS WATER. IT'S WATER EFFICIENT. IT
6 HAS NO PESTICIDES. IT HAS NO HERBICIDES. IT'S -- IF YOU WERE
7 GOING TO TREAT SICK PEOPLE, TO POISON THEM ON THE SIDE, IT
8 JUST SEEMS TO BE NOT THE WAY TO GO. I ALSO FEEL VERY MUCH THAT
9 I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TODAY ABOUT THE GARDENS AND THE
10 BUILDING OF GARDENS, BECAUSE THAT IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT WAY
11 THAT WE CAN HAVE MORE ORGANIC STUFF BEING GROWN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS. WE HAVE THIS ITEM
14 BEFORE US, AND WE'RE GOING TO BREAK IT INTO SECTIONS HERE.

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THERE WAS A REQUEST,
17 MADAME CHAIR, TO BIFURCATE ITEM 7. SO, WE WILL FIRST TAKE UP
18 RECOMMENDATION NO. 3. THAT DEALS WITH PROHIBITING MOBILE SALES
19 AND COMMERCIAL DELIVERY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. ON THIS ITEM,
20 I'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL, YES. THIS IS WITH THE
23 SEPARATION THAT YOU ASKED FOR.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO VOTE TO BI--?

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** NO, THIS, FIRST ON
3 THIS MOTION, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. 3 OF THE MOTION?
4 ITEM NO. 3 DEALS WITH --

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO, BECAUSE THE ITEM IS THE ENTIRE ITEM.
7 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SECTIONS OF THE MOTION?

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WANTED TO VOTE.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, SO YOU'RE JUST CALLING OUT PARAGRAPH
14 NO. 3 FOR A VOTE?

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, CORRECT, YES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK, IF I MAY, MADAME CHAIR, THIS
21 PARTICULAR ITEM IS AN IMPORTANT ONE TO ADDRESS; HOWEVER, I
22 FEEL IT REQUIRES MORE WORK AND ATTENTION THAN HAS BEEN GIVEN
23 TO IT TO DATE. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, I THINK WE SHOULD RE-
24 VISIT IT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. THE BALANCE OF THE MOTION
25 SEEMS TO ME TO BE ACCEPTABLE. I DON'T WANT THIS ISSUE TO BE

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1 DISMISSED OR FORGOTTEN IN ITS TOTALITY, BUT I DO NOT THINK IT
2 IS FULLY OR SUFFICIENTLY COOKED AT THIS POINT. AND IT WOULD BE
3 MY VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC AND PERHAPS ILL ADVISED
4 TO INSTRUCT COUNSEL TO PROCEED WITH IT AT THIS TIME. BUT I
5 THINK THERE'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS IN THIS CONNECTION, MADAME
6 CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT IS IT YOU'D LIKE TO PUSH
9 THIS OFF? THIS PARTICULAR?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE MAKER OF THE MOTION CAN DETERMINE
12 WHETHER HE WOULD CHOOSE NOT SIMPLY TO BIFURCATE BUT TO
13 WITHDRAW THIS PART AND COME BACK. WELL, WE CAN BIFURCATE, BUT
14 I WILL BE A NO VOTE ON THAT. BUT I DO THINK THE ISSUE AS YOU
15 ARE SEEKING TO ADDRESS IT, THERE'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON IT.
16 SO IT, IN MY VIEW, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A DONE DEAL. BUT
17 TODAY, AS IT IS PRESENTED, IT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ITS CURRENT
18 FORM.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU REFERRING MORE THAN THE MOBILE ISSUE?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, JUST THAT ONE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST THAT ONE? THAT CAN BE PUT OFF, BUT THE
25 REST CAN MOVE FORWARD. YES, THAT'S FINE.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT I'M SUGGESTING.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, SO, MOVE THE MOTION WITH THE MOBILE
5 BEING CONTINUED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE C.E.O. AND
6 THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, LET ME -- MAY I JUST SUGGEST THAT IN
17 ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK AT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ABOUT
18 MOBILE DELIVERY, THAT WE DO PAY ATTENTION TO THE TESTIMONY AND
19 THE CONSIDERATION OF THOSE WHO DO HAVE A PRESCRIPTION AND
20 CAN'T LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO GET -- JUST LIKE WITH ANY OTHER
21 PRESCRIPTION. SO, TYPICALLY YOU PAY ATTENTION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THE MOTION NOW IS PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2. IS
2 THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND THE BALANCE TO RETURN PURSUANT
5 TO THE TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN GIVEN AND COUNTY COUNSEL'S
6 REDRAFTING.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND IT'S ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO LOOK AT THE
11 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT EVERYTHING?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, OUR MOTION, YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT, THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, AS AMENDED. THERE'S NO
18 OBJECTION, THEN. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED AS AMENDED,
19 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, MADAME CHAIR, JUST TO MAKE A FOLLOW-UP
22 COMMENT TO WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I MEAN, I THINK
23 THERE IS A PIECE OF THIS AS IT RELATES TO MOBILE DELIVERY. BUT
24 ONE CONCERN THAT I HAVE, AND ONE OF THE SPEAKERS REFERRED TO
25 THAT, IS OUR INVOLVEMENT IN OUR OFFICE IS THAT I REALLY THINK

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1 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SORT OF LOOK AT THIS ISSUE
2 AND EXPEDITE THE CLOSURE OF THOSE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES. I'VE
3 GOT A TON OF THEM IN MY DISTRICT, AND THEY'RE NOT LEGAL. AND,
4 YOU KNOW, I'VE TOLD EVERYONE, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM
5 WITH THE MEDICAL PIECE OF ALL THIS. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF
6 THE DISPENSARIAS IN MY DISTRICT, THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF
7 SMILING, HAPPY, YOUNG FOLK, AND IT'S NOT THE SICK PEOPLE, AND
8 IT'S NOT, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, LIKE THE ONE GENTLEMAN TESTIFIED
9 ABOUT HIS FATHER. I'D FEEL THE SAME WAY AND MAKE SURE THAT HE
10 GOT IT. SO, THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE. MY ISSUE IS THE ILLEGAL
11 DISPENSARIES AND THE ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION AND THEIR CUSTOMER
12 BASE. IT'S NOT THE MEDICALLY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PREVENT TO
13 GET ACCESS TO IT. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO PULL THAT
14 PIECE OUT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CONSIDER THAT IN THE DELIVERY
15 OF HOW WE MAKE THIS ALL WORK. BUT I WOULD ASK THAT SOMEHOW
16 WE'RE ABLE TO EXPEDITE THE CLOSURES OF THOSE MANY ILLEGAL
17 DISPENSARIES THAT ARE IN OUR DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
18 AREAS. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AS
21 TO THAT SPECIFIC ISSUE, WE'RE REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD IN
22 TWO WEEKS. AND SO WE'LL BE IDENTIFYING SOME OF THE ISSUES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN GIVE YOU A LIST.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN, THIS HAS BEEN MOVED,
2 SECONDED AS AMENDED, AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY,
3 VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 27.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** KNABE AND ANTONOVICH. YES. THIS IS
8 THE PROBATION C.B.O.S ON THE CONTRACTS?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK, TOO, SINCE WE JUST
11 DID AND ASKED TO BIFURCATE THAT MOTION, AND LET ME GET MY..
12 OKAY, I WANT TO.. I JUST, I SUPPORT THE MOTION, WITH THE
13 EXCEPTION I'M VOTING NO ON S.P.A. 3 AND ON S.P.A. 8. EXCUSE
14 ME, THAT'S NOT -- WAIT A MINUTE. THAT'S NOT CORRECT. IN S.P.A.
15 3, I'M VOTING AGAINST COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PEOPLE FOR
16 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BASED ON SCORES. AND ON S.P.A. 8, THE
17 RECOMMENDATION, I'M VOTING AGAINST THAT, AS WELL, TOO. I JUST,
18 YOU KNOW, I KNOW WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE, BUT THIS
19 HAPHAZARD PROCESS HAS REALLY BEEN -- RESULTED IN A WHOLE BUNCH
20 OF STANDARDS BEING LOWERED, AND I REALLY HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT
21 THAT. SO, RATHER THAN THROWING OUT THE PROCESS AND STARTING
22 OVER, PROBATION, IT APPEARS, JUST LOWERED THE STANDARD SO THAT
23 THEY WOULD QUALIFY. SO, THAT'S WHY I'M VOTING NO ON THE
24 PROVIDERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, ALL OF THOSE THAT SCORED BELOW 50

4 PERCENT, I ALSO AM VOTING NO, AND THAT WOULD BE ON S.P.A. 3,

5 COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PEOPLE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, ITEM -

6 - S.P.A. 4, WEINGART CENTER, S.P.A. 8, YOUTH JUSTICE

7 COALITION. THEY ALL SCORED BELOW 5,000.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ALSO HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON

10 THIS ITEM, ARNOLD SACHS AND SHELIAH WARD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS ON THE INSIDE, YOU MEET

13 THEM ON THE OUTSIDE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SHEILA KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT MAY BE THAT WE NEED A BROADER

18 LOOK AT WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO APPLY TO BE A C.B.O.

19 CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY, BECAUSE WE HAD 12 APPLICANTS FOR

20 12 PLACES, AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE INDICATED, SOME OF THEM IN

21 THEIR DISTRICTS -- I LOVE THE ONES IN THE THIRD AND THEY'RE

22 VERY GOOD AND I THINK VERY HIGH QUALITY. BUT THEY'VE HAD SOME

23 PROBLEMS ABOUT IN THE FOURTH AND THE FIFTH. AND I THINK IT'S

24 WORTH A LOOK. I DON'T HAVE A PROPOSAL AT THIS MOMENT, BUT I

25 KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THESE THINGS RUN TO, YOU KNOW, 90 AND 100

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1 PAGES. AND THERE MIGHT BE SOME VERY GOOD C.B.O.S THAT JUST SAY
2 "WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF, IT'S NOT WORTH OUR TIME." SO, I
3 THINK IN LOOKING AT WHAT WE REQUIRE, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING
4 TO LOOK AT THE CONTRACT NEEDS THEMSELVES. WHAT DO WE REALLY
5 NEED TO KNOW? WHAT DO THEY REALLY NEED TO FILL OUT? BECAUSE I
6 THINK WE MAY BE SHUTTING SOME PEOPLE OUT OF THE PROCESS
7 PERHAPS INADVERTENTLY.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND THAT GOES TO THE QUESTION
10 OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE CORE OF
11 WHAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS WANT TO OFFER AND HOW THAT BEST SUITS
12 US. SO, I AGREE. I HAVE THOSE CONCERNS, AS WELL, BECAUSE
13 THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD GROUPS OUT THERE THAT WANT TO WORK WITH
14 US. BUT WE'RE ALMOST SHOOTING OURSELVES IN THE FOOT. SO, WE DO
15 NEED TO LOOK AT THAT. I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY. SO, WE HAVE
16 ARNOLD SACHS AND SHELIAH WARD.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
19 AND I ACTUALLY HELD THIS ITEM EARLIER. WELL, I'M READING P-1
20 DISCUSSION ON THE OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF THE PROBATION
21 DEPARTMENT. BUT IT'S ITEM AGENDA 4. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP
22 AND SPOKE ABOUT THAT WERE FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION.
23 AND YET SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH --

24

25 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS ITEM 27.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, YOU WOULD HAVE
3 HEARD HIM MENTION THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, THAT HE WANTS
4 TO CUT FUNDING TO THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, WHO CAME UP AND
5 SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 4, THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT, AND THEY'RE
6 NOT HERE NOW TO HEAR THAT THEIR FUNDING IS GOING TO BE CUT FOR
7 WHATEVER PURPOSE THEIR PROGRAM IS. SO THAT'S THE CONNECTION
8 THERE, COUNTY COUNSEL, OKAY? THEY WERE HERE EARLIER. I THINK,
9 AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY MIGHT HAVE EVEN BEEN, SOME OF THEM,
10 INVITED GUESTS, ACCORDING TO WHAT MISS KUEHL SAID, THAT THE
11 FIRST SIX SPEAKERS WERE INVITED GUESTS. AND I'M PRETTY SURE
12 ONE OF THEM WAS FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. SO, YOU
13 INVITED GUESTS TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
14 AND THE RE-ALIGNMENT AND THE OVERSIGHT, AND THEN YOU CUT
15 FUNDING TO THE SAME GROUP THAT YOU INVITE IN HERE. THERE IS A
16 PROBLEM WITH PROBATION RIGHT THERE. THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH
17 THE OVERSIGHT FOR PROBATION RIGHT THERE, WHICH BRINGS US BACK
18 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THE OVERSIGHT THAT THEY
19 PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
20 CLEANING THAT UP AND YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AT THE
21 PROGRAMS. SO HOW CAN YOU BE LOOKING AT THE PROGRAMS WHEN
22 YOU'RE CUTTING FUNDS TO THE PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT YOU LOOKING AT
23 THE PROGRAMS? THERE'S A CONUNDRUM THERE. MAYBE YOU COULD
24 ADDRESS THAT.

25

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1 **SHEILAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. ABOUT
2 20 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A DISRUPTIVENESS IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS,
3 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND ET CETERA, WHERE THEY WERE FIGHTING
4 THESE YOUTHS. AND THE REASON WHY WE DID THE FEASIBILITY STUDY
5 AND FOUND OUT THAT THE REASON THESE YOUTH WERE FIGHTING IN
6 THESE HIGH SCHOOLS WERE BECAUSE THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR
7 PARENTS. THEY DIDN'T HAVE A HOME OR A FAMILY TO DEAL WITH. SO
8 NOW THIS IS THE FUTURE. YOU HAVE YOUNG ADULTS. THEY'RE ADULTS
9 NOW. AND YOU HAVE CHILDREN OUT THERE THAT ARE JUVENILES. WHY?
10 BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE SOMEONE TO TRAIN ME. WHEN YOU PEOPLE
11 BROUGHT -- THERE WAS AN AD WHERE YOU BROUGHT IN ANIMALS FROM
12 THE MOTHERLAND TO A GANG PARK. THE NEXT DAY, THE GAME WARDEN
13 CAME, AND THEY WERE FIGHTING. WHY? BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS
14 DIDN'T TRAIN THEM HOW TO ACT AND COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER
15 ANIMALS THE WAY YOU DO IN THE WILD. THIS IS THE SAME THING
16 THAT'S HAPPENING WITH THESE PEOPLE. AND WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT
17 MONIES TO PAY PROBATION PEOPLE TO MONITOR AND OBSERVE A
18 SITUATION. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT STOPPING THIS
19 SITUATION FROM EVER HAPPENING, PREVENTING IT FROM EVER
20 HAPPENING? IT'S AS IF THIS IS NEW WAVE SLAVERY, TAKE YOU FROM
21 YOUR PARENTS BUT MAKE YOU DISCOMBOBULATED WHERE YOU DON'T --
22 WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE -- THE MIND IS A BLANK UPON WHICH
23 SOMETHING IS WRITTEN. IT'S CALLED A TABULA RASA. WE WERE THE
24 ORIGINAL ICON INDIANS NOW, WHERE'S THE ICON? ON A THING CALLED
25 COMPUTER.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE TWO OTHER WITNESSES, RUTH
3 SARNOFF AND ERIC PREVEN.

4

5 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. JEEZ, WHAT CAN I SAY? THE YOUTH
6 JUSTICE COALITION IS JUST ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL
7 ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE. THEY TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO MAKE PUBLIC
8 RECORDS REQUESTS, AND WITH FORM LETTERS AND STUFF SO PEOPLE
9 COULD LEARN HOW TO BE PART OF THE SYSTEM. AND I DON'T KNOW WHO
10 ALL THESE -- I'M ASSUMING THEY'RE ALL PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, THE
11 12 THAT ARE MENTIONED HERE. IF THEY ARE, THEY'VE ALL GOT A
12 TRACK RECORD, AND I THINK THE NAMES OF THE CONTRACTORS AND
13 THEIR TRACK RECORD OUGHT TO BE RIGHT OUT IN THE PUBLIC. I
14 DON'T THINK -- IT'S LIKE -- IT'S NOT THREATENING PERSONNEL.
15 IT'S NOT THREATENING ANYBODY PERSONALLY. IT'S JUST DATA. AND I
16 THINK IT OUGHT TO BE PUBLIC. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN GET MORE
17 THINGS PUBLIC. I'M A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT THE
18 \$1,140,000. I HOPE THAT'S THE CORRECT AMOUNT THAT WE'VE GOT
19 HERE. YEAH. FROM JANUARY 1, WHICH IS PAST ALREADY, TO THE --
20 IT'S A 1-YEAR CONTRACT, AND IT'S WITH EXACTLY WHO AND WHAT?
21 AND IT'S KIND OF FUZZY TO ME. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO
22 PUT THIS OVER AND REVIEW THIS. SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S REALLY
23 IMPORTANT JUST TO PUT A SUBJECT, JUST A BROAD SUBJECT, LIKE
24 WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM PRISON, IN SOME

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1 CASES, SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, IN SOME CASES, YOU KNOW, WHO
2 KNOWS WHAT, ABUSE. HOW CAN WE DO IT AND DO IT WELL? THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
7 AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT ORGANIZATION LIST AND SOME
8 OF THE COMMENTS BY SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS CAUGHT MY
9 ATTENTION. IN PARTICULAR, I DON'T EXPECT SUPERVISORS TO
10 ADVOCATE AGGRESSIVELY FOR OR AGAINST ANY OF THOSE GROUPS,
11 BECAUSE I KNOW THEY WERE CHOSEN THROUGH A PROCESS. IT IS FAIR
12 TO SAY THAT THE PROCESS OF SELECTING AND QUALIFYING THOSE
13 PEOPLE IS LABYRINTHIAN, CONFUSING, AND VIRTUALLY MIND NUMBING.
14 SO I THINK WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON REALLY WHAT THE BIG HIGH
15 PICTURE HERE IS, WHICH IS WE NEED, BY EVERY CALIBRATION AND
16 ESTIMATE, TO BE DOING MORE IN THE COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE RE-
17 ENTRY SERVICES AND THESE KIND OF THINGS. AND I CAN PERSONALLY
18 VOUCH, AT LEAST FOR THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION'S WORK, IN
19 ADVOCATING FOR THE VIEWS THAT I THINK MANY RESIDENTS OF LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY NOW FEEL ABOUT THE EXCESSIVE INCARCERATION AND
21 THE -- I TALKED ABOUT PARAGRAPH 73 EARLIER. EVERYBODY
22 UNDERSTANDS WE NEED TO BE DOING A MUCH BETTER JOB IN
23 PARTICULAR, THE CATEGORY OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. WE HEARD
24 PEOPLE FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION TALK ABOUT HAVING
25 FAMILY MEMBERS IN JAIL AND HAVING TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES AND

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1 HAVING MEMBERS TREATED IN VARIOUS WAYS THAT WOULD REALLY JUST
2 DESTROY THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE FOLKS WHO HAD TREATED
3 THEM THAT WAY. AND TO PROVIDE THIS GROUP ANYTHING OTHER THAN
4 KIND OF A FAIR SHAKE IS RIDICULOUS. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
5 ANY SUPERVISOR WOULD ADVOCATE AGAINST AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS
6 BEING CHOSEN. I MEAN, HE MAY NOT LIKE THE ORGANIZATION. I FIND
7 THE WHOLE THING UNSPEAKABLY BAD FORM, AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT
8 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE FROM THE
9 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION HAVE COME DOWN TO THIS HALL, AND I'M A
10 BIG COUNTER OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS, THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER GROUP IN
11 THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE
12 YEARS. AND TO MAKE THEM SMALL AND FEEL AS IF THEY ARE NOT
13 WANTED BECAUSE OF THE CRAZY PAPERWORK THAT OTHERS ARE MORE
14 SKILLED IN FILLING OUT IS INSANE. SO, THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM
17 IS BEFORE US. AND WE'LL HAVE THE CLERK BIFURCATE THIS FOR US.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** YEAH, AS WITH THE
20 NOTED NO VOTES, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. OKAY, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. WE
23 DON'T NEED TO BIFURCATE. IT'S JUST WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE TWO
24 REGISTERED VOTES WITH THE -- RIGHT, AS --

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE OTHER PARTS OF IT.

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. EXACTLY. SO THE PORTION YOU
4 WANT TO BE REGISTERED AGAINST IS FINE, IS NOTED. SO, WITH THAT
5 -- YES. SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO
6 MEMBERS THAT WANTED THEIR VOTES REGISTERED AGAINST THOSE
7 PARTICULAR -- YES, WE'RE FINE. OKAY. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
8 MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. WE HAVE LANCASTER
9 ONLINE. WE HAVE JASON ZINK. WE CAN'T HEAR THEM. OKAY, SORRY,
10 WE CAN'T HEAR YOU AT THIS TIME. SO, WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU
11 ONCE WE HAVE A BETTER LINE. SO, I'D NEXT LIKE TO GO TO JOSE
12 MARTINEZ, ERIC PREVEN, OSCAR MOHAMMED, ARNOLD SACHS.

13

14 **ERIC PREVIN:** MR. MOHAMMED.

15

16 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK
17 FOR THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR. AND I
18 SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. THE LATE LEADER MUHAMMAD, THE LEADER
19 OF THE LARGEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN THE
20 ISLAMIC COMMUNITY IN NORTH AMERICA, HE INTRODUCED BLACK
21 HISTORY MONTH TO HIS COMMUNITY AND HISTORIAN DR. CARTER G.
22 WOODSON EMAILED MUHAMMAD AND SAID THAT THE HISTORIAN CARTER G.
23 WOODSON WRITES THE BEST BOOKS ABOUT US. NO OTHER AUTHOR IN
24 AMERICA WRITES BETTER BOOKS IN HISTORY THAN CARTER G. WOODSON.
25 AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CARTER G. WOODSON BOOKS WERE SOLD

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1 IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. EVERYWHERE MOHAMMAD TRAVELED, HE HAD
2 VANS OF BOOKS FOLLOWING HIM ABOUT THE BOOKS AFTER THE MEETING.
3 AND THERE WERE 24 BOOKS IN A BOX. THE LIFE OF CARTER G.
4 WILSON. CARTER G. WILSON BORN ON DECEMBER 19, 1875 IN NEW
5 CANTON, VIRGINIA TO ANNA ELIZA RIDDLE WILSON AND JAMES WILSON,
6 THE FOURTH OF 7 CHILDREN. WILSON WORKED AS A SHARECROPPER AND
7 A MINER TO HELP HIS FAMILY. HE BEGAN HIGH SCHOOL IN HIS LATE
8 TEENS AND PROVED TO BE AN EXCELLENT STUDENT, COMPLETING A
9 FOUR-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS. AFTER
10 ATTENDING BRICK COLLEGE IN KENTUCKY, WILSON WORKED FOR THE
11 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS AN EDUCATOR SUPERINTENDENT IN THE
12 PHILIPPINES AND UNDERTOOK MORE TRAVELING BEFORE RETURNING TO
13 THE UNITED STATES. WILSON EARNED A BACHELOR AND A MASTER FROM
14 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND WENT TO RECEIVE A DOCTORATE FROM
15 HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN 1912, BECAME THE SECOND AFRICAN-AMERICAN
16 TO EARN A P.H.D. FROM PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AFTER W.E.B. DU
17 BOIS. AFTER FINISHING HIS EDUCATION, WILSON DEDICATED HIMSELF
18 TO THE FIELD OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, WORKING TO MAKE SURE
19 THAT THE SUBJECT WAS TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF OUR
20 SCHOLARS. FOR HIS EFFORT, WILSON IS OFTEN CALLED THE FATHER OF
21 BLACK HISTORY. WE SHOULD END POLICE BRUTALITY. WE SHOULD
22 BRIDGE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WHICH DIRECTION DO WE GO?
23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. ERIC
25 PREVEN?

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1

2 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** WE GOT TO HAVE PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT TEACH
3 BLACK HISTORY.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** MISS LINGAT, I THINK YOU COULD START AT 2
6 MINUTES. I DON'T THINK CUTTING 10 SECONDS OFF IS PARTICULARLY
7 APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
8 DISTRICT, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? FAIR ENOUGH.
10 WHEN I SAY FAIR ENOUGH, LET ME JUST SAY THAT I ONCE HEARD AT A
11 BIG IMPORTANT MEETING -- THIS IS A FAIR HEARING MATTER. SO,
12 REGARDING THE COUNCILMEMBERS' OR SUPERVISORS' ATTENTION NEEDS
13 TO BE ON THE SPEAKER OR TO THE MONITOR IN FRONT OF THEM. SO,
14 THAT IS NOT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL CITED
15 EARLIER. BUT I DO FEEL THAT MOST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 NATIONWIDE DO BELIEVE THAT HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC IS NOT JUST
17 A PERFUNCTORY KIND OF FAKE OBLIGATION, BUT IN FACT IT'S
18 SOMETHING THEY SHOULD TAKE VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. AND I JUST
19 DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD COMMUNICATE IT, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THIS
20 IS AN OLD CONVERSATION. I MEAN, ARE WE GOING RETROGRADE? ARE
21 WE GOING BACKWARDS IN TIME TO A TIME WHEN IT'S OKAY TO HUDDLE
22 WITH YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY IN THE MIDST OF THE PUBLIC
23 TESTIMONY? I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK THAT THAT WOULD ECHO WHAT I
24 THINK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE FEELING. I THINK THAT THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO ARE INSTALLED WITH GREAT OBLIGATION

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1 TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS NEED TO BE ACUTELY ATTENTIVE,
2 IS MY EXPERIENCE, WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC IS SAYING. NOW, IT IS
3 TRUE THAT IT IS HARD TO GET PEOPLE TO COME DOWN HERE, BECAUSE
4 IT'S \$20 TO PARK ACROSS THE STREET. UNTIL WE CAN GET THE
5 M.R.T. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARKING SUBSIDY GOING, WE'RE STILL
6 GOING TO HAVE LOW NUMBERS DOWN HERE. BUT ONCE WE BRING FORWARD
7 THE KINDS OF REFORMS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE IT OPEN AND
8 ACCESSIBLE FOR REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THANKS TO MAYOR
9 ANTONOVICH, WHO PUT THE LANCASTER PIPE INTO SERVICE, WHICH IS
10 WORKING WELL ON A REGULAR BASIS, SO I WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY,
11 GOING FORWARD, IN THE INTEREST OF, YOU KNOW, FAIRNESS TO YOUR
12 CONSTITUENTS, LET'S ALL TRY TO DO OUR BEST TO LISTEN. THERE
13 ARE GOING TO BE TIMES WHEN YOU NEED TO BE JIGGLED A LITTLE
14 ABOUT IT IN THE EAR BECAUSE SOMEONE'S GOT A CRISIS. SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY MAY HAVE A FIRE IN HIS DISTRICT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. ARNOLD SACHS.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AH, YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. TIME'S EXPIRED. IT'S
20 FASCINATING. ACTUALLY, I KIND OF LIKE THAT GIVE AND TAKE. I
21 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOU, MISS KUEHL, WHEN YOU TOLD HIM THAT
22 PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK, BUT IT DOESN'T
23 NECESSARILY MEAN YOU HAVE TO LISTEN, WHICH IS 100 PERCENT
24 TRUE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION. THAT DOESN'T
25 NECESSARILY MEAN YOU HAVE TO LISTEN. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR

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1 HEARINGS, WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH.
2 GOOD THING THEY DON'T HAVE YOU GUYS SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH.
3 IT WOULD BE LIKE THAT SCENE FROM "RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK"
4 WHERE THE GUY STRUCK, YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY OPENED UP THE ARK
5 AND THE LIGHTENING BOLT STRUCK AND ALL THOSE NAZIS LIKE --
6 SPEAKING OF NAZIISM. LET'S TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EXIDE, AND,
7 AGAIN, BACK TO PORTER RANCH AND THE FIASCO THAT IS. AGAIN, WE
8 BRING UP, YOU KNOW, YOUR HELP TO THESE PEOPLE. AND THIS L.A.
9 TIMES WRITES ABOUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH EXIDE. 30 YEARS,
10 30 YEARS THAT IT'S FUNDING. IT'S MONEY. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.
11 IT'S POLICY. YOU DON'T GIVE A RAT'S PATOOT. YOU NEVER DID.
12 IT'S POLICY. AFTER FIVE OR TEN YEARS, AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS
13 HERE, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY. PEOPLE NEED TO REALIZE IT'S
14 ALL ABOUT THE MONEY. YOU BOUGHT A HOUSE. TALK TO THE BANK
15 ABOUT GIVING YOU A MORTGAGE ON A PLACE THAT'S ON A FAULT ZONE.
16 WOULD YOU BUY A HOUSE ON A FAULT ZONE? AND THE BANK GIVE YOU A
17 MORTGAGE ON THAT. YET THEY GIVE YOU A MORTGAGE ON A GAS
18 STORAGE FACILITY. 17, 18 MILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL GAS?
19 HEY, NO PROBLEM. NO PROBLEM. WE'LL DO THAT. IT'S GOT TO BE
20 SOMETHING MORE INVOLVED. THIS IS LAND USE. AND THIS IS MONEY.
21 AND THIS IS L.A. COUNTY AT ITS WORST.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO OUR SPEAKER IN
24 LANCASTER, JASON ZINK.

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1 **JASON ZINK:** YES, HI. YEAH, THIS WILL BE THE THIRD SUPERVISOR
2 MEETING I HAVE ATTENDED IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS, AND HOPEFULLY
3 THURSDAY MY NEPHEW WILL FINALLY GET A PERMANENT CAST ON HIS
4 LEG. BUT ALSO, I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY OF A MOTHER
5 WHO HAD TO TAKE HER 4-YEAR-OLD BABY DOWN TO L.A. FROM
6 LANCASTER TO GET A CAST PUT ON. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. SOMETHING
7 HAS TO BE DONE. AM I MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY SHOWING UP AT THIS
8 MEETING, OR AM I FALLING ON DEAF EARS? I WANT SOMETHING DONE
9 UP HERE NOW FOR THE PEOPLE UP HERE. THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT A.V.,
10 HOSPITAL, PEOPLE ARE LINED UP IN THE HALLWAY, BECAUSE THERE'S
11 NO ROOM FOR PEOPLE, BECAUSE THE E.R. WAS BUILT IN THE '50S.
12 YOU GUYS WANT TO BUILD A WOMEN'S PRISON OUT HERE IN LANCASTER.
13 WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO WHEN THERE'S AN EMERGENCY? THE
14 HOSPITAL ISN'T EVEN EARTHQUAKE STANDARD. THERE'S A LOT OF
15 HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT DON'T EVEN HAVE -- AREN'T EVEN
16 EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS TO STATE. WHERE ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING FOR
17 THAT, FOR THOSE FUNDS? WE GOT A LOT OF BIG PROBLEMS UP HERE IN
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. I WANTED TO
19 FORM AN ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT. THAT WAY
20 THE PEOPLE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY HAVE A BOARD TO GO TO SO THAT WE
21 DON'T HAVE TO GO TO YOU GUYS 60 MILES AWAY AND THAT WAY WE
22 WOULD HAVE LOCAL CONTROL AND YOU GUYS WOULD HAVE LESS STUFF TO
23 WORRY ABOUT UP HERE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WE COULD TAKE CARE
24 OF IT HERE LOCALLY. SO, I WOULD LIKE YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER
25 FORMING AN ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT, TAKE

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1 OVER THE FLOOD WATER, SEWER, THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT,
2 EVERYTHING, SO THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE OF LIKE THEY SHOULD
3 BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THEIR GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR
4 YOUR TIME, AND I HOPE THAT SOMEBODY CALLS AND MEETS WITH ME
5 AND WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN UP HERE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF
6 THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME COMMENT THAT THE HIGH DESERT REGIONAL
9 HEALTH CENTER IS WORKING WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL TO
10 IMPROVE THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES FROM A.V. TO HIGH DESERT
11 TO MAKE REFERRALS FOR IMMEDIATE CARE ARE AVAILABLE WHEN
12 MEDICAL STAFF ARE AVAILABLE. L.A. CARE IS WORKING WITH THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO
14 A LOCAL PROVIDER. ONE OF THE YOUR PROBLEMS WAS WITH L.A. CARE.
15 THAT'S BEING RESOLVED. SO THAT A LOCAL PROVIDER IN ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THAT TREATMENT. THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS ALSO WORKING WITH L.A. CARE
18 TO JOINTLY RE-EVALUATE PATIENTS THAT WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO
19 PROVIDERS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE SENT TO THE PROVIDER CLOSEST
20 TO WHERE THEY RESIDE. THESE ACTIONS WILL NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE
21 PROBLEMS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED, BUT IT WOULD PREVENT THESE
22 PROBLEMS FROM OCCURRING FOR OTHER ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS IN
23 THE FUTURE. SO, THOSE ARE BEING WORKED OUT. AND RELATIVE TO
24 MEASURE B FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS
25 WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE

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1 APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAUMA CARE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BROUGHT
2 BEFORE THE BOARD SO THERE'S AN EQUITABLE ALLOCATION METHOD
3 BASED ON REVENUES AND COSTS AND SERVICES WHICH ARE PROVIDED
4 FOR EACH OF OUR HOSPITALS.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. AND WE DO
7 REALIZE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE INPUT FROM EVEN AS FAR OFF AS
8 LANCASTER. SO, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE ARE ON TOP OF IT AND
9 L.A. CARE IS WORKING TO TRY TO REMEDY THIS. THANK YOU. WE ALSO
10 HAVE OTHER WITNESSES, RUTH SARNOFF, JOSE MARTINEZ, SHELIAH
11 WARD. MARLIN CAMPBELL.

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13 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I HAVE TO COMPLIMENT THE SPEAKER
14 FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT COMES ON HERE AND HE IS SO INTENSE
15 AND HE'S SO PASSIONATE AND HE'S NOT GIVING UP. AND I THINK
16 THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER PLACES IN -- I GUESS HE'S IN
17 UNINCORPORATED AREA THERE WITHOUT A CITY? BUT THERE'S, YOU
18 KNOW, A LOT OF THAT UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND I THINK LOOKING
19 AND BEING PROACTIVE IN LOOKING AT WHAT KIND OF SERVICES SOME
20 OF THESE OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE AND WHAT THEIR ISSUES
21 ARE -- I WAS GLAD HE ALSO WAS CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS WITH A
22 WOMEN'S PRISON IN LANCASTER. I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS IDEA OF
23 HAVING THESE PRISONS OUT IN NOWHERE, AND I DO FEEL VERY
24 STRONGLY THAT THE PLACES FOR PEOPLE COMING OUT OF PRISONS
25 NEEDS TO BE SOFT, WARM, FUZZY, FULL OF PLANTS AND AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO GARDEN AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSIC AND CULTURE
2 AND PEOPLE TO COME IN AND A COMMUNITY ROOM AND BE ORGANIZED IN
3 A SOCIAL WAY. IF YOU'RE GOING TO BRING PEOPLE OUT OF THE
4 ISOLATION OF A CELL AND BRING THEM IN -- I SAW ONE PLACE THAT
5 I THINK HAS BEEN BUILT LIKE IT'S LIKE A RECEIVING CENTER. AND
6 IT WAS THE SAME INSTITUTIONAL WALLS AND EVERYTHING THAT I'VE
7 SEEN BEFORE. IT'S A TRAVESTY. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THINGS AND
8 CREATE BEAUTIFUL THINGS. THE WEALTHY AND ELITE ARE NOT THE
9 ONLY PEOPLE THAT APPRECIATE BEAUTY, MUSIC, PLANTS, TREES,
10 WHATEVER. AND I THINK MY TIME IS UP.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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14 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS. YESTERDAY, I HAD A COURT DATE WITH A
15 JUDGE. THAT WAS ONE OF THE BEST JUDGES I'VE EVER HAD A COURT
16 DATE WITH, BECAUSE THERE WAS A DOOR ON THE TRAIN THAT OPENED
17 WITH A PIECE OF PLYWOOD WAITING FOR ME TO TUMBLE AND I DIDN'T
18 DIE, BECAUSE I WAS THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY TO DEAL WITH
19 GYMNASTICS, NOT GABBY DOUGLAS. SHE IS MY THIRD COUSIN. NOW,
20 THIS IS THE FUTURE. I'M EXITING ANOTHER BUS. I'M NOT MOVING
21 FAST ENOUGH. I DON'T LOOK LIKE I'M AN OLD PERSON, BUT TO THE
22 DRIVER, I'M OFF THE BUS AND SHE'S PULLING OFF WITH ME IN IT.
23 YESTERDAY I WAS CHARGED SANCTIONS. I'M BEING CHARGED BECAUSE I
24 GOT HURT? WHAT KIND OF SYSTEM IS THIS? I WAS NOT TRAINED AS A
25 CHILD IN YOUR SCHOOLS HOW TO GO TO SCHOOL AND LEARN HOW TO BE

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1 A LAWYER, HOW TO ANSWER INTERROGATORIES AND -- WHY? I'M HURT.
2 I GOT BEAT UP. I WAS ATTEMPTED MURDERED AGAIN. THAT'S CALLED
3 ATTEMPTED MURDER. IF I PUT A BOARD SOMEWHERE WHERE ONE OF TO
4 TRIP DOWN AND HURT YOURSELF, THAT'S CALLED ATTEMPTED MURDER.
5 AND THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'M HERE TODAY AND I'M GOING TO BE
6 HERE EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL WE CHANGE THIS INSURRECTION THAT IS
7 CREATED FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN. MY GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY AT 63
8 UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE TAKING DRUGS. SHE DIDN'T LIVE TO BE MY
9 AGE NOW. I'M 65. I NEED HELP. WE NEED HELP. I'M NOT GOING TO
10 JOIN ANY GROUP OF PEOPLE TO DESTROY THIS OR ANY OTHER SIDE OF
11 THE UNIVERSE. THE ALMIGHTY GOD SAID THAT'S ITS JOB. YOU PEOPLE
12 NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOUR COURT SYSTEM. IT'S NOT
13 WORKING. NOBODY ADVISED ME TO GO TO ANYWHERE OR TO NOWHERE. MY
14 DAUGHTER HAD TO COME HELP ME. SHE WAS IN THE MILITARY. SHE
15 SAID THEY TRAINED HER HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND ALL THIS
16 KIND OF CARRYING ON. I SAID, "WELL, THEY DID? WELL WHY DON'T
17 YOU TRAIN ME AND ALL OF US IN THIS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?"

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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21 **MARLIN CAMPBELL:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARLIN CAMPBELL. I WORK
22 WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. BACK IN 2014, I ASSISTED AN
23 INVESTIGATOR IN MISCONDUCT BETWEEN THREE EMPLOYEES AND THREE
24 SUPERVISORS. THE THREE EMPLOYEES WERE REPRIMANDED. THE THREE
25 SUPERVISORS WERE NEVER REPRIMANDED. THE REASON WHY WAS BECAUSE

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1 THE SUPERVISOR SAID THAT HIS SUPERIORS TOLD HIM THAT THEY
2 SHOULDN'T HAVE REPRIMANDED THE SUPERVISORS, EVEN THOUGH THERE
3 WAS A LOT OF PROOF THAT THE SUPERVISORS WERE FALSIFYING TIME
4 CARDS. FAST FORWARD TO 2015. I BROUGHT THE SAME ALLEGATION --
5 WELL, I BROUGHT DIFFERENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A COUPLE OF THE
6 SAME SUPERVISORS. THEY WERE COMING IN LATE. THEY WERE USING
7 THE COUNTY VEHICLE FOR A THREE-HOUR LUNCH. THEY WERE LEAVING
8 TWO HOURS EARLY. AND, SO, I FINALLY CONTACTED THE ACTING
9 BUREAU CHIEF AT THE TIME. SHE SAID THEY WERE GOING TO LOOK
10 INTO IT. FIRST, I CONTACTED, I BELIEVE, COUNTY HOTLINE. ONCE
11 THEY LOOKED INTO IT, THEY GAVE ME A CALL. THE INVESTIGATOR
12 CAME AND INTERVIEWED ME. TWO DAYS AFTER HE DID THE INTERVIEW,
13 I WAS PLACED UNDER INVESTIGATION, I WAS MOVED OUT OF MY
14 OFFICE, AND THE SUPERVISORS WERE CLEARED. THEY SAID THEY WERE
15 USING THE COUNTY VEHICLE. THEY WERE USING IT FOR LUNCH,
16 BECAUSE THEY WERE ON CALL IN CASE THE EMPLOYEES GET INTO AN
17 ACCIDENT OR THEY HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. NOW, YOU
18 KNOW, I UNDERSTAND IF THEY SAID THEY'RE USING IT FOR LUNCH,
19 BUT A THREE-HOUR LUNCH AND THEY'RE LEAVING EARLY, THOSE WERE
20 THE ALLEGATIONS. THE ALLEGATIONS WEREN'T THAT THEY WERE JUST
21 USING THE COUNTY VEHICLE FOR LUNCH. NOW, THEY TURNED IT AROUND
22 AND WHATEVER EVIDENCE I GAVE THEM, NOW THEY'RE USING IT
23 AGAINST ME AND THEY PUT ME UNDER INVESTIGATION. NOW MY JOB'S
24 ON THE LINE, AND I'M REQUESTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

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1 INTO MISCONDUCT BETWEEN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION AND THE
2 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. IT'S NOT FAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JOSE MARTINEZ. IS
5 THERE A JOSE MARTINEZ HERE? HE LEFT. OKAY. THEN, MEMBERS, THAT
6 CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT. AND AT THIS TIME, THEN, I'D ASK THAT
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE READ US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
12 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
13 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
14 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-3,
15 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE
16 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS; ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
18 EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
19 NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON
20 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-4 or
6 CS-5.

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8 CS-3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

9 Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position
10 of Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors. (15-5638)

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12 The Board selected Lori Glasgow for the position of Executive
13 Officer, Board of Supervisors which will be returned to the
14 Board for final action on the appointment and instructed the
15 Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a salary and execute an
16 at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by
17 the County Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary
18 by the Board of Supervisors.

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20 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
21 present.

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